

***"The Attack on the Heir and His Family Continues:
The Egyptian Compromise of Abram and Sarai"***

Our Theme Scriptures:

Gen. 3:15 "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He will bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."

Rom. 15:4 "For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope."

Review:

- ***You will recall the focal point of the developing story found in the God-given and inspired Genesis account. Gen. 3:15 had assured Satan of his own defeat through "The Seed of the Woman". Therefore, if Satan can destroy the promised seed, he wins and his Creator, the Lord God loses. Satan will have proven that he is greater than God after all! That sets the stage for The Long War Against God, and most pointedly, against "The Seed of the Woman" promise.***
- ***We have already seen how during the pre-flood period Satan attempted to directly attack and destroy the royal family itself through which the Seed of the Woman would necessarily be manifested. He first attempted this by leading Cain to murder his brother Abel, a direct attack against the Seed of the Woman promise. After God's refusal to accept Cain's offering, Satan knew Abel was in the Royal Line and so he took action directly against him.***
- ***Then, Satan's plan changed after Cain's banishment. Satan's new plan was to send forth "the sons of God" to this earth as part of a new and radical rebellion against the redemptive plan of God for mankind, a plan that would ultimately lead to the incarnation of God's own Son, our savior, the Lord Jesus -- the coming to earth of the Seed of the Woman! These angels had followed after Satan in his rebellion, and were therefore now his servants, no longer obedient to and the ministers of Almighty God. Their allegiance was now to Satan himself.***
- ***Gen. 6:4 has been our central theme verse: "There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the***

daughters of men.”

- ***The big question has been, of course, this: what is the meaning of these words*** “There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men”? ***It is simply this:***
 - ***After Satan had led the "sons of God, the angels, the "stars of heaven" into rebellion, they left their original habitat and took up residence on the earth, miraculously taking upon themselves human flesh of the male gender, “strange flesh”, as it was called in Jude 6-7. They then intermarried with human women whereby children were born resulting in the creation of an alien human race. There were approximately sixteen centuries from the Garden to the flood allowing many, many generations of the corrupted and demonic seed to propagate.***

The Great Flood, of course, destroyed that first work of Satan just before it had reached its final and victorious culmination. The flood destroyed the effect of that on earth while only Noah and his family remained with an “upright or appropriate ancestry” as Gen. 6:9 says so clearly. So, Satan was within EIGHT PERSONS OF DEFEATING THE PLAN OF ALMIGHTY GOD!!

BUT GOD INTERVENED DRAMATICALLY WITH THE WORLDWIDE FLOOD AND SATAN THEREFORE FAILED COMPLETELY IN HIS ATTEMPT TO REFUTE GEN. 3:15.

- ***So, in review, Satan’s perhaps most strategic accomplishments were TWOFOLD:***
 - ***FIRSTLY, the creation before the flood of an entire “race” of corrupted “humans”, really, “alien humanoids”, as a result of this union between fallen angelic and demonic spirits and human women.***
 - ***THEN, SECONDLY, again after the flood, this corruption continued, as Satan again promoted through the demonically-created aliens of the Canaanite tribe and also of other tribes as well, a similar corruption. But it was apparently***

localized for the most part in the land of Canaan. God responded, to that challenge with the destruction of many of the Canaanites by the 12 tribes of Israel as they came into the land.

- *But Satan had another dimension to his working as well, one that might continue on even if the alien races of the Canaanites had died out or had been destroyed. And this work could be carried on even long after that corrupted and demonic “humanity” was no longer an effective weapon for Satan to use.*

- *That religious work still continues today, of course: a Satanic religious system on the earth that is reflected now in all of the world’s many religions. Nimrod, the wayward grandson of Noah’s son Ham, and the designer and builder of the tower of Babel, was the leader in this Satanic worship system and God’s judgment upon him resulted in the destruction of the Tower he had built and also in the division of the continents and disruption of the single language of mankind into a great many languages and dialects. **HOWEVER**, as the people of the earth eventually dispersed across the entire planet, they took with them this perverted religious system that continues to work evil in all nations still today.*

- *So, the divine purpose of the destruction of the Canaanites after the flood was nearly identical to the purpose of the great flood itself: to destroy the children of the angelic host that had come upon the earth even after the Noahic flood, AND, to destroy that other work of Satan as well, even this corrupted religious system that the Canaanites had developed.*

- *So, in the O.T. storyline the focus continues to shift: (1) From Abel and his elder brother Cain, to (2) Noah and the demonically generated families of the mankind, and now (3) to a single family, that of Abraham, surrounded indeed by those controlled by a pagan religious system derived from that of Babylon and Nimrod’s Tower, and, finally, after about 500 additional years to (4) a nation of twelve tribes that was descended from Abraham’s grandson Jacob’s*

offspring.

- ***We find our starting point today again, however, back in Gen. 12 where we shall see how Satan's attempt to thwart the redemptive plan of God through the seed the woman developed one step at a time. And our focus will be on his attacks against one man, Abraham, and his wife Sarah. And let's not forget our theme either which is Satan's Long War Against God and against the promise of the Seed of the Woman of Gen. 3:15.***

Our Outline Today:

- 1. The Preparation for the Attack on The Heir and His Family***
- 2. The the Attack on The Heir and His Family Develops***
- 3. The the Attack on The Heir and His Family Ends in Total Failure***

I. The Preparation for the Attack on The Heir and His Family

- ***[READ] Gen. 12:1-9***

1 "Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

2 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:

3 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."

4 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.

5 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.

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6 And Abram passed through the land to the place of Shechem, unto the Oak of Moreh. And the Canaanite was then in the land.

7 And the LORD appeared to Abram and said, I will give this land to your seed. And he built an altar there to the LORD who appeared to him.

8 And he moved from there to a mountain on the east of Bethel. And he pitched his tent with Bethel toward the sea and Hai on the east. And he built an altar there to the LORD, and called upon the name of the LORD.

9 And Abram journeyed, going on still toward the south.”

- ***Abram was a sojourner and a worshiper of Almighty God, living a life based on the promises of God as given regarding the seed and the land, to be provided in God’s due time. His hope was in the Lord, for himself, his wife & family, and his "seed".***
 - ***Abram had left Ur of the Chaldees when he was called by God, and then had left Haran with great blessing, journeying into the land God had promised, where he lived and worshiped in a life of utmost simplicity, it seemed (verses 4-9).***
- ***His life was simplicity itself while wandering in a foreign land as a stranger and a sojourner having no sure foundation except the Lord himself and his trustworthiness. His trust was in the Lord who had promised.***
- ***What then happened?***
 - ***God prospered Abram in the land. When times are good we should always remember that the calm comes before the storm and these times of calm should always be times of preparation. If we do not prepare, we will be unprepared when the battle comes upon us as every good military commander knows well.***
 - ***So God brought a challenge into Abram’s life. There came a great famine on the land and its peoples. Now, would Abram trust God in this great challenge of life or would Abram use his own ingenuity, wealth, wisdom and human strength to save himself and his family?***
 - ***The details of Abram's fall are clear. We find the answer to the question in the following verses . . .***

[Your questions / comments?]

II. The the Attack on The Heir and His Family Develops

- **Gen. 12:10-13**

10 And there was a famine in the land. And Abram went down into Egypt to stay there, for the famine was grievous in the land.

11 And it happened, when he had come near to enter into Egypt, he said to Sarai his wife, Behold now, I know that you are a beautiful woman to look upon.

12 And it will be when the Egyptians see you, they shall say, This is his wife. And they will kill me, but they will save you alive.

13 I pray you, say that you are my sister, so that it may be well with me for your sake. And my soul shall live because of you.

- ***So what do we see here? Abram turned aside to his own way through fear and uncertainty and one failure led to another and then to another. This is a classic downward spiral as we all have so often experienced in our walk with the Lord.***
 - ***Abram relied upon himself & his own schemes to protect himself regardless of the well being of his wife, family, and regardless of the promise of God regarding the seed.***
 - ***He added his own works to the work of Almighty God and thereby short-circuited the working of God in his life.***
- ***And the enemy's plan would have worked, if God had not thwarted the effectiveness of both Abram's and Satan's plan. For after all, God's plan to accomplish his purpose through the Seed of the Woman SHALL PREVAIL, as we shall see, **WHATEVER SATAN OR MANKIND SHALL DO.*****

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III. The the Attack on The Heir and His Family Ends in Total Failure

- **Gen. 12:14-20**

14 And it came to pass, that, when Abram was come into Egypt, the Egyptians beheld the woman that she was very fair.

15 The princes also of Pharaoh saw her, and commended her before Pharaoh: and the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house.

16 And he entreated Abram well for her sake: and he had sheep, and oxen, and he asses, and menservants, and maidservants, and she asses, and camels.

17 And the LORD plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai Abram's wife.

18 And Pharaoh called Abram, and said, What is this that thou hast done unto me? why didst thou not tell me that she was thy wife?

19 Why saidst thou, She is my sister? so I might have taken her to me to wife: now therefore behold thy wife, take her, and go thy way.

20 And Pharaoh commanded his men concerning him: and they sent him away, and his wife, and all that he had.

- ***The highest level theme seen so well here is the 7-fold "outline" of:***
 1. ***The circumstances: Abram had received a promise relating to the "seed" promise of Gen. 3:15 (Gen. 12:1-3 & 15:4-6); Satan now knew precisely the path God would use to fulfill his promise.***
 2. ***Satan's tool: Sarai, Abram's wife (and the only way to fulfillment of the "seed" promise of Gen. 3:15).***
 3. ***His "strategy": Fear that God would not provide; fear that he would be killed in Egypt; perhaps even satisfaction with worldly possessions.***
 4. ***Satan's "victory": Tempting of Abram & Sarai was successful.***
 5. ***God's intervention: But, Pharaoh's heart was troubled by conscience & the plagues were overwhelming.***
 6. ***Satan's defeat: Sarai was kept pure by the power of God.***
 7. ***God's encouragement: The pilgrim way of life was God's choice for Abram & Sarai; turning away for fear of man & circumstances will never meet the needs of the heart while trust in God & walking in his ways will bring true fulfillment every time!***

- ***So we see here that God's Plan succeeds after all, even when all else would indicate a total failure for the Lord God and total and complete victory for Satan and his minions.***

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Application & Exhortation:

- ***God offers the believer a path to victory and joy in the face of the world's darkness and Satan's active opposition on every side.***
- ***We can choose which way we will go: with God or against God; with his blessing or without it.***
- ***To walk with God will not be easy but it will be blessed; to walk otherwise is to work against God and his plan and program for your life --- it will not and cannot fulfill the desires and needs of the heart of the believer.***
- ***Ah, the comfort and hope of the Scriptures -- it is ours, IF WE WILL RECEIVE IT!***
- ***AND, whatever our circumstances, God will reign victorious through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. In the end, all will be fulfilled, every promise God has made.***

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