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PART 5: EARLY YEARS OF ABRAM

PRIZEFIGHT

If this was a boxing match, the Devil was definitely ahead after two rounds in his battle with God.

1. Satan contaminated the human race with the sin nature in the first round and was the cause for Adam and Eve being cast out from the Garden of Eden.
2. The spiritual contamination continued in the second round when fallen angels procreated with human women and created a hybrid race. This forced God to exterminate and fill hell with some 600 million people through a global flood. The Lord only managed to save eight souls with which to start over.

In the third round, we will examine the struggle between God's redemption plan for the human race and the Devil's attempt to derail it.

ABRAM

Noah was the ninth generation from Adam and Abram was tenth generation from Noah. Abram was born 1,955 years after God created Adam and 279 years after the flood.

The United States came into being 242 years ago and most Americans are aware that Great Britain suppressed its American colonies which led to a declaration of independence, the revolutionary war, the creation of the Constitution for the United States of America and President George Washington.

Abram had full knowledge of the creation and what took place with Adam and Eve. He possessed the written account of these events, which some 640 years later would be used by Moses to write the Book of Genesis. Thus, Abram had in his possession the first 11 chapters of the Book of Genesis.

Abram was a Chaldean and was born in what is today southern Iraq. **Genesis 11:27-28**

His father's name was Terah, and according to the record in Genesis, Terah was called by God to relocate to the land of Canaan. The problem is that Terah did not fully obey God and died in the city of Haran, which is located in the western part of Iraq, close to the border of Turkey. **Genesis 11:31-32**

JOB

Job was born in the land of Uz. **Job 1:1**

Uz was the son of Shem and a grandson to Noah. According to history and archeology, the nation of Uz was located in what is today northwestern Saudi Arabia, the eastern side of the Red Sea, and below modern day Jordan.



Job was a God-fearing man and possessed the same knowledge of past events as Abram, but the most precious knowledge he possessed, was concerning the future Redeemer that would save and give him eternal life. **Job 19:23-27**

This concept was also brought out by Enoch:

“At that hour, that Son of Man was given a name, in the presence of the Lord of the Spirits, the Before Time, even before the creation of the sun and the moon, before, before the creation of the stars, he was given a name in the presence of the Lord of Spirits.

He will become the light of the gentiles and he will become the hope of those who are sick in their hearts. All those who dwell upon the earth shall fall and worship before him; they shall glorify, bless and sing the name of the Lord of Spirits. For this purpose he became the Chosen One; he was concealed in the presence of the Lord of Spirits prior to the creation of the world, and for eternity.

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And he has revealed the wisdom of the Lord of the Spirits to the righteous and the holy ones, for he has preserved the portion of the righteous because they have hated and despised this world of oppression together with all its ways of life and its habits in the name of the Lord of Spirits; and because they will be saved in his name and it is his good pleasure that they have life.” (1 Enoch 48:1-8)

“In those days, Sheol will return all the deposits which she had received and hell will give back all that which it owes. And he shall choose the righteous and the holy ones from among the risen dead, for the day when they shall be selected and saved has arrived.” (1 Enoch 51:1-3)

Abram and Job both came from the bloodline of Shem, they were alive around the same time, and both possessed the first book of Enoch.

The Book of Job augments the story of Abraham and provides insight into the mindset of the generation who stayed true to the living God.

THE CALL OF ABRAM

I believe that God had called Terah to become the patriarch for the Israelites, but for some unknown reason, he only came halfway to the land of Canaan, stopped in the city of Haran, and lived there until he died. **Genesis 11:31-32**

The call of God was transferred to his son, Abram, who accepted the call of God in faith, left Haran and relocated to the land of Canaan. In calling Abram, God told him that he would become a blessing to all families on the earth, and with the concept of a future Redeemer, Abram accepted the summons. **Genesis 12:1-4; Hebrews 11:8-10**

Abraham was a rich man and had a small army of trained fighters. **Genesis 14:14**

Abram took his nephew Lot and each of them had herdsmen. **Genesis 13:5-7**

Assuming that the male servants of Abram were married, the entourage that left Haran would have numbered about one thousand people.

THE CHARACTER OF ABRAM

When there is no pressure in our lives, it is easy to serve God and live a tranquil life. Stress and anxiety have a way of bringing out our flaws. God knows our weaknesses and doesn't need to test us.

LYING TO THE KING OF EGYPT

God created a famine that forced Abram to take his people and cattle to Egypt in order to find food, water and grazing for his vast flocks. Abram knew that he was at the mercy of the Pharaoh, who if he saw a woman that he liked, regardless if she was married, could take her for his own. If the husband objected, the king simply had him executed.

Abram believed in God and loved the Lord, but he wasn't sure that God was able to protect him from the king of Egypt, so he decided to lie and relegate Sarai to become a concubine (sex slave) if the king noticed her. **Genesis 12:10-16**

Abram's worst fears were realized and God intervened to save Abram and Sarai because of their part in the redemption plan. **verses 17-19**

Abram was told to get out of Egypt and left in shame. **verse 20**

HANDLING STRIFE

The herdsmen of Abram and Lot did not get along and the situation created a lot of friction. Abram did not want conflict in the family and was willing to let Lot have whatever land he wanted in order to maintain the peace. Thus, we can see that Abram was not greedy. **Genesis 13:1-12**

RESCUING LOT

Abram cared about Lot to the point that he was willing to leave Sarai behind and go to war, risking his own life to save his nephew. Abram tithed to the King of Salem and refused to take any compensation for his rescue of Lot and the other people from Sodom and Gomorrah. **Genesis 14:10-24**

CONCEIVING A BASTARD CHILD

Abram received a vision from the Lord, giving him a promise that he would receive a son that would be his heir. When the Lord spoke to Abram, he believed in faith that it would come to pass. **Genesis 15:1-6**

God then provided him a special sign and a covenant so that Abram could be assured he would have a child with Sarai. **verses 7-21**

However, once Sarai began pressuring Abram for a child, he forgot all the words from the Lord and obeyed his wife by having sexual intercourse with her slave. Sarai became jealous with Hagar's pregnancy and they added to their sin by driving her and Ishmael away into the desert. **Genesis 16:1- 6**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?