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ABRAHAM PART 36 OF 36

THE CONCLUSION

Genesis chapter 25 brings us to the end of Abraham's life. At age 137 his wife Sarah had passed. At 140 he had secured a wife of his bloodline, Rebekah, for his son Isaac. He would bring forth the third generation "begotten son of the promise" the Abrahamic covenant. The covenant later was confirmed by God Himself personally to Isaac (genesis 26:24) and to Jacob (Genesis 28:13-15).

After Sarah's passing Abraham remarried at an old age to Keturah who bore him six more sons besides the sons conceived by his concubines and Sarah. God had made him quite viral in his old age (140-175 years). He truly became the "Father of many nations" as God had promised in His Covenant.

Upon his passing away at 175, he was buried with Sarah. Isaac and Jacob were also buried years later at that same site. Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are the revered fathers of the Jews, the nation of Israel. Abraham alone is considered the father of many other nations, but the promise only carried through with Isaac, and with Jacob whom God re-named Israel.

Why did God choose Abraham? The generations of man following Noah had forgotten the almighty God. They had been deceived by Satan, the evil angel, who had become the "prince of the world." They had created unto themselves false gods who were actually demon followers of the Evil One (Satan, Lucifer) (shiva?).

Almighty God, creator of the world, needed someone through whom He could once again reveal Himself to mankind. He chose Abram (Abraham) for that purpose. Through Abraham's promised "seed" of Isaac and Israel (Jacob) God revealed Himself and that revelation is carried through to this day through the promised "only begotten Son" of God, Jesus, through whom we know the one and only true God.

Abraham was not perfect. (Only Jesus was perfect.) Abraham's faith sometimes wavered. He often followed his own way of thinking rather than seeking God on his decisions. His disobedience in taking nephew Lot with him caused many problems. He was sometimes deceitful, yet God had a plan for his life that carried an eternal promise. For all his faults, Abraham never departed from God. That earned him the prominent place in the "Faith Hall of Fame" (Hebrews 11).

We are blessed in this day and time because of Abraham's revelation of God. Jesus descended from him as God by His Spirit placed as His "seed" in Mary, which brought forth God incarnate in human flesh for a season. Jesus had no seed from an earthly father, he had only a mother. God was father. Jesus had existed eternally even in the creation of the world (John 1:1-5) and was sent down to be born (begotten by God) to show Himself physically to the eyes of mankind before ascending back to heaven where He came from.

As Abraham had faith, so must we have faith. Hebrews 11:6 tells us, "***But without faith it is impossible to please Him.***"