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ABRAHAM PART 7
JOURNEY TO EGYPT

We saw that Abram left “the house of God,” Beth-el, where God had led him. He moved south to the Negev, a semi-arid wilderness, a dry place. There he experienced severe famine. He then decided to move to Egypt where food was plentiful.

Think about this, my friend. Have you ever enjoyed a life blessed by God, only later to experience a period of spiritual dryness where God seemed so remote? Abram moved from where God had placed him. His result was dryness and famine. If so, had you also “moved”?

What was Abram’s solution? Instead of returning to the place of God’s blessing and provision (Beth-el), he thought he had it all figured out. “I will just trust in the provisions of Egypt, and all will be fine.” But it did not go quite like he had thought it would, as we shall see in tomorrow’s lesson.

Egypt represents “the world” and its ways. It is a representative type of the sin of the world and its allurements or provisions.

A couple of hundred years later, Abram’s promised heir and descendants would become slaves to Egypt. This would represent man’s bondage to sin and evil. It also represents the “fruit of the flesh” and of the carnal world rather than the provision which God would bring to you. It comes from our own human “wisdom” of reasoning things out for ourselves.

God never instructed Abram to leave Beth-el, nor did God tell him to go to Egypt. His going there was purely a flesh decision.

Have you ever made “flesh decisions”? Satan will tempt you with such “alternative thoughts” placed in your mind. Be careful. Ask Holy Spirit first before taking action to change your circumstances or situations.

Bear in mind that Holy Spirit leads, but Satan pushes. Do not fall for Satan’s cleverly disguised traps. They might “look good” in your natural way of thinking, but it might not be in God’s plan for you.

In Jeremiah 29:11 (MEV), God said, ***“For I know the plans that I have for you....plans for peace and not for evil (harm), to give you a future and a hope.”***

God’s got a plan, and I know it’s good for me...and for you.