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THE LIFE OF JOSEPH LESSON-1

HIS BLOOD – THE CHALDEAN LEGACY

Joseph, the son of Jacob (Israel) is one of my most admired men of the Old Testament. His life story begins in Genesis chapter 30 and continues to chapter 50. His birth is recorded in Genesis 30:22-25 in Chaldea.

He was of pure Chaldean blood, descended from the Chaldean blood of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, and Jacob and Rachel. This is significant because historically the Chaldeans were seen to be gifted by God to have wisdom and understanding beyond that of any other people group on earth.

God is very much about “the blood” as seen in both the Old and New Testaments. This is why when God wanted to form a nation to become “His own,” he went to Chaldea and called out Terah who went to Haran with his son Abram. Abram was then called by God to go to Canaan and there changed his name to Abraham.

Jacob returned to Chaldea and worked for Laban, Sarah’s brother, to win the hand of Rachel in marriage. Joseph was born to them in Chaldea.

One of the many attributes given to Chaldean “wise men” was dreams of meaning and the ability to interpret dreams. They also understood the messages of history and meanings found in the stars of the heavens (like the Chaldean Magi who visited little Jesus at Bethlehem).

Although it may be a subject for a different time, be aware that “spiritual giftings” are passed down through family bloodlines. The giftings may be from God or may be from the dark side. These gifts do not go to everyone in the bloodline because they go to certain “selected ones” in the family and may even skip over a generation.

That would tie into Joseph’s dreams given to him as well as his ability (given by God) to interpret dreams. We see this also in Daniel. We see it in all the Old Testament prophets with their visions from God and from angels speaking to them.

When Joseph was still a very young child, God told Jacob to leave Chaldea and return to Bethel in Canaan (12 miles north of present-day Jerusalem).

God had a very unique plan for young Joseph. Tomorrow we will begin studying his life in detail. There are many life lessons we can learn from his story that applies to people of all times, including us today.

Are you ready to learn?