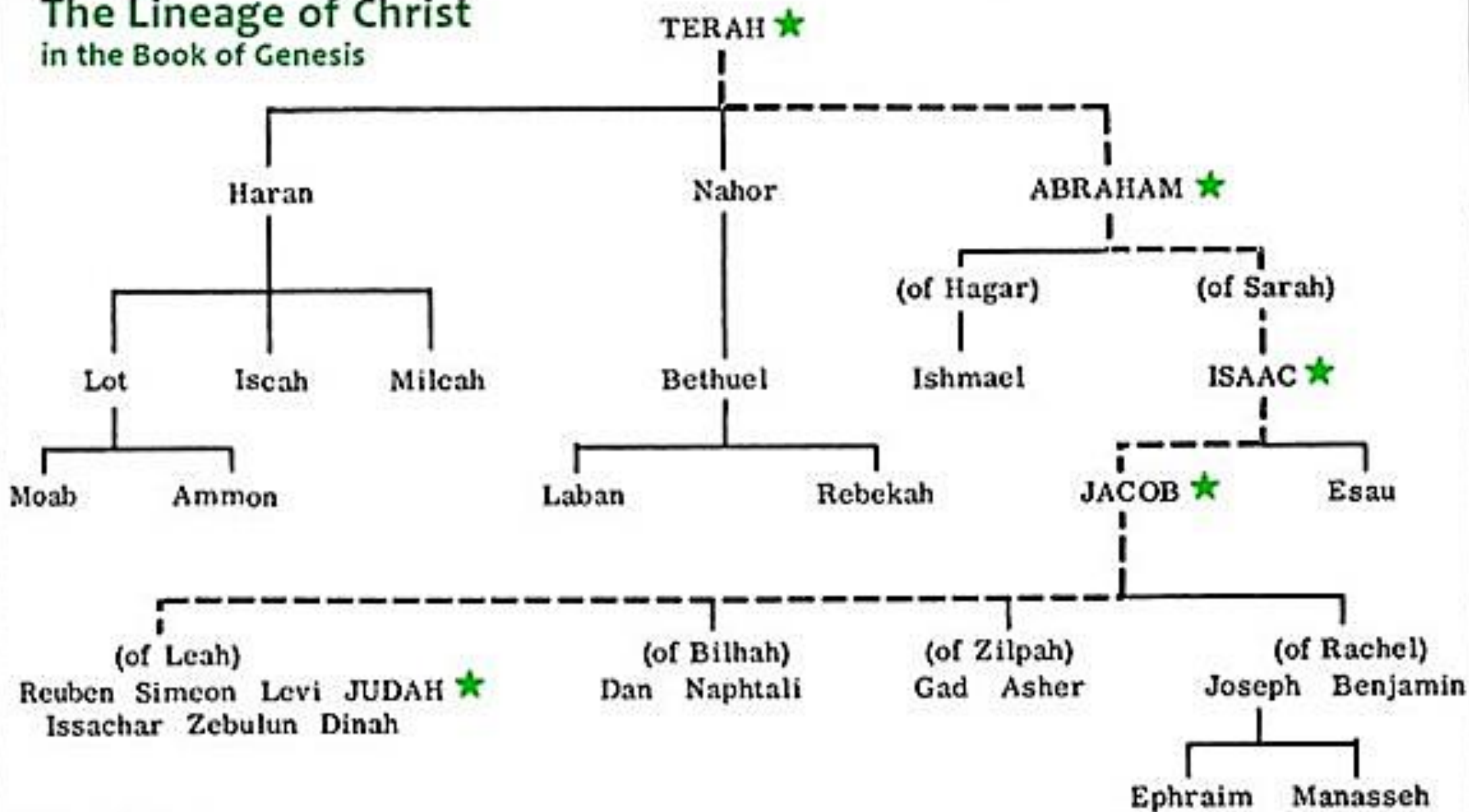


AdSS10-Isaac's wife (Part 2)

- (1) Background: Abraham's servant met Rebekah. The servant was thankful to God that he had met Rebekah, a suitable wife for Isaac.
- (2) The servant went to Rebekah's house. He met Rebekah's brother Laban, and her father, Bethuel. (refer to family tree)
- (3) The servant told his host the task given by Abraham to him. (Gen 24:37 – 48)

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(4) The servant wished to know whether the parents would let Rebekah go with him to Canaan. (Gen 24:49)

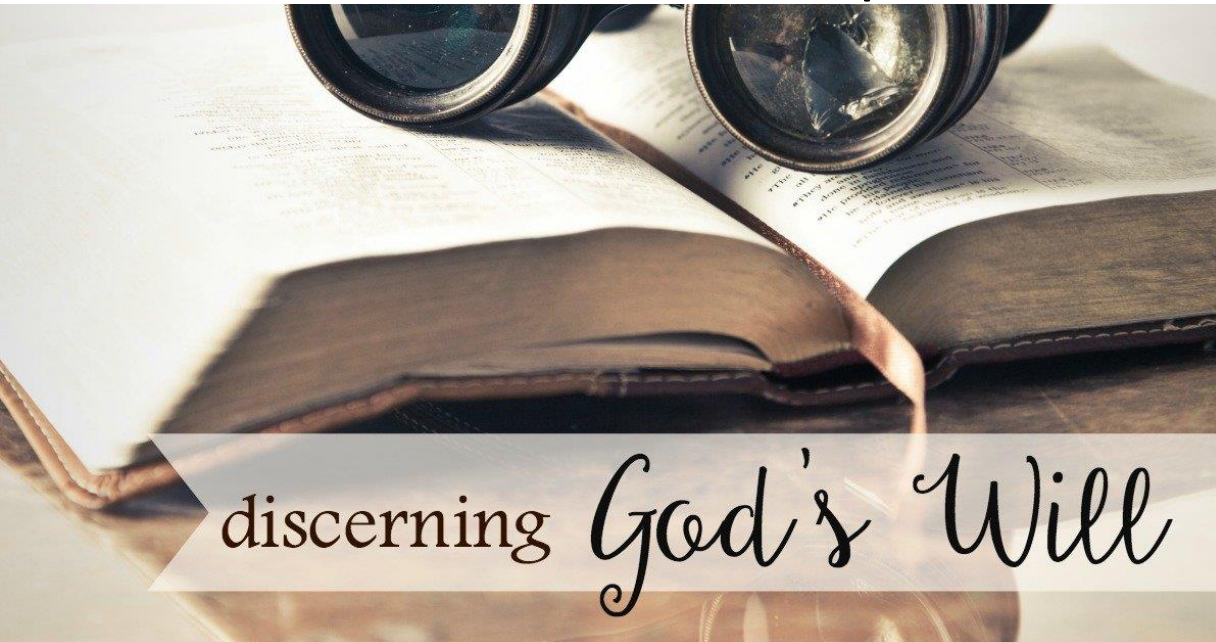
(5) The parents agreed it was God's will for Rebekah to go. (Gen 24:51)

(6) What are the evidence that it is God's will for Rebekah to go?

- The servant set the test at the well, Rebekah followed accordingly
- It turned out that Rebekah was a relative of Abraham.

(7) Spiritual Lesson: How do we know whether it is God's will for us to carry out an event?

- (a) Commit the event to prayer and Bible reading to discern whether it's God's will.
- (b) Consider the circumstances eg. whether there are push and pull factors to carry out the event.
- (c) If we decide to carry out the event, the process is generally smooth.
- (d) There may be difficulties and troubles along the way, but, these would be overcome, with God's help.



(8) The parents asked Rebekah whether she would go with the servant. Rebekah agreed to go with the servant. (Gen 24:58)

(9) The servant and Rebekah left for Canaan.(Gen 24:61)

(10) Isaac married Rebekah. (Gen 24:67)

(11) Based on the circumstances, the marriage was arranged by God. (Test at the well)

(12) Does that mean the marriage will not have trouble? No, subsequently, Rebekah favoured Jacob and told Jacob to deceive Isaac into giving the best blessing to him.

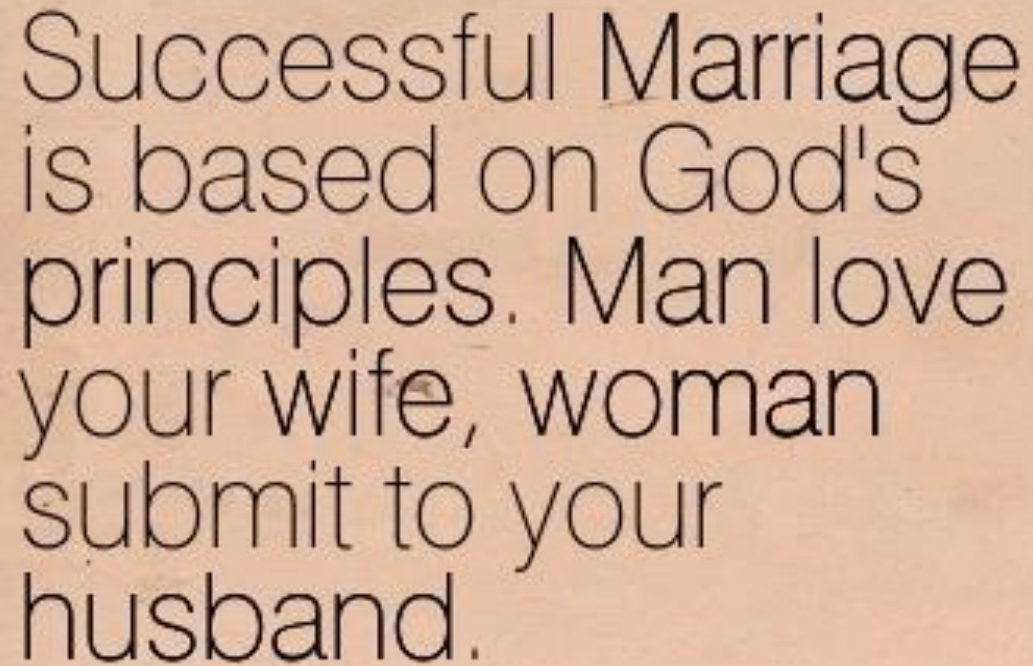
(13) Spiritual Lesson: How to maintain a loving marriage?

(a) Must not be unequally yoked.

(b) Husband to love his wife. Eph 5:25. Be gentle in your words.

(c) Wife to submit to the husband. Eph 5:22. Where there is a difference, give in to your husband.

(d) From the above verses, each party must give in to the other.



Successful Marriage
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principles. Man love
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(14) Spiritual Lesson: Does the lesson teach us to let our daughters go with strangers?

- (a) No. The narrative in Gen 24 is an exception, is clearly divine-inspired.
- (b) Generally, daughters and girls ought not to follow any strangers until the identity is verified and circumstances established by third parties.
- (c) In this day of electronic communication, such verification and establishment of circumstances should be carried out.

