

AdSS9- Isaac's wife

- (1) Background: Sarah died at the age of 127 years old.
- (2) Abraham instructed his servant to swear an oath to go to Haran to get a wife for Isaac among Abraham's relatives. (Gen 24:4)
- (3) Before swearing the oath, the servant asked what if the woman was unwilling to come to Canaan? Should he then bring Isaac to Haran? (Gen 24:5)



Source: <http://divinseasons.blogspot.com/2013/03/genesis-24-wife-for-isaac.html>

(4) Abraham disagreed that Isaac should go to Haran. Abraham had faith in God that the servant would be successful in bringing the woman to Canaan. (Gen 24:24:7)

(5) If the woman refused to come to Canaan, then, the servant would be free from his oath to bring the woman to Canaan.(Gen 24:8)

- Marrying among relatives was common in those days. The tie between them was closer than that with outsiders. Abraham and Sarah were siblings of the same father but different mother (Gen 20:12). Nahor, Abraham's brother, married Milcah, Nahor's niece (Gen 11:29).

- The servant was concerned that he may break the oath if he failed to bring a wife back for Isaac. Notice the servant's prudence and piety. Is there a real concern of not bringing back a wife?
 - Is there such a woman?
 - What is the likelihood that the woman's parents would agree that their daughter go with the servant to a faraway place? Unlikely.
 - Even if the parents agree, what is the likelihood of the woman agreeing to go with the servant? Unlikely.




(6) Spiritual Lessons:

- Due to the likelihood of failure, the servant clarified with Abraham in the event of failure. We must also learn to take our oath and our promise seriously. Do not promise if there is a likelihood that you may not succeed.
- Be wise like the servant, explore your options.



- Abraham was confident of the success because from his past experience, God had been faithful. Since God had promised that he would have many descendants, surely God would prepare a wife for Isaac.
 - God is faithful to us too
 - Recall the times when God has delivered you in the past
 - Recollection of God's faithfulness will give us greater faith in God for the future.

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Faithfulness
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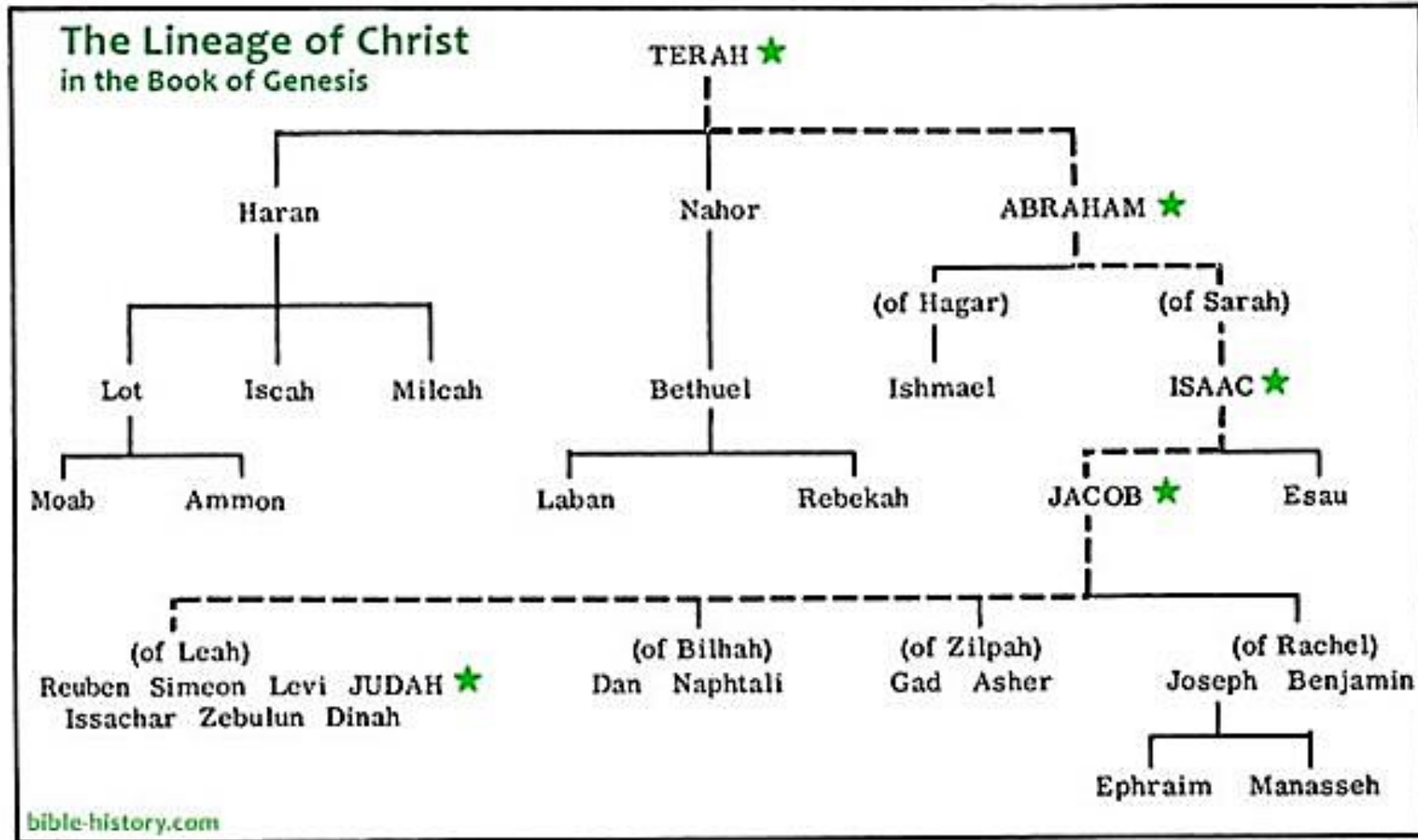
(7) The servant prepared himself for the journey. (Gen 24:10)

(8) He reached the town in which Nahor lived. (Gen 24:11- 27)



Source: <https://www.ellenwhite.info/books/ellen-g-white-book-patriarchs-and-prophets-pp-15.htm>

(9) The woman was Rebekah, the daughter of Bethuel, son of Nahor and Milkah. (Gen 24:24)



Source: <https://www.myolivetree.com/the-family-tree-of-the-bible-from-abraham-to-jesus-to-you/>

(10) Spiritual Lesson:

(a) The servant made plans (a) camels and possessions, (b) at the well. So must we make plans for tasks which are our responsibilities to fulfil. God has given us a sound mind and expects us to make good use of it.

(b) Notice that the servant went to a well and set a test for the women coming to fetch water. Why?

- The woman must be hardworking
- The woman must be kind to others

(c) The servant did not:

- go to a matchmaker or dating agency
- show Abraham's riches and possessions which he had brought with him to attract women

(d) In the same way, if you are looking for a spouse for yourself or family members, check that the person is:

- Of the same faith
- Hardworking
- Caring and kind

(e) Learning from the servant, we must have a good plan and trust God each step of the way. If it is God's will, the plan will succeed. If not, the plan will not be successful or become altered by God. (Gen 24:21)

(f) Personal mission plan altered.



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