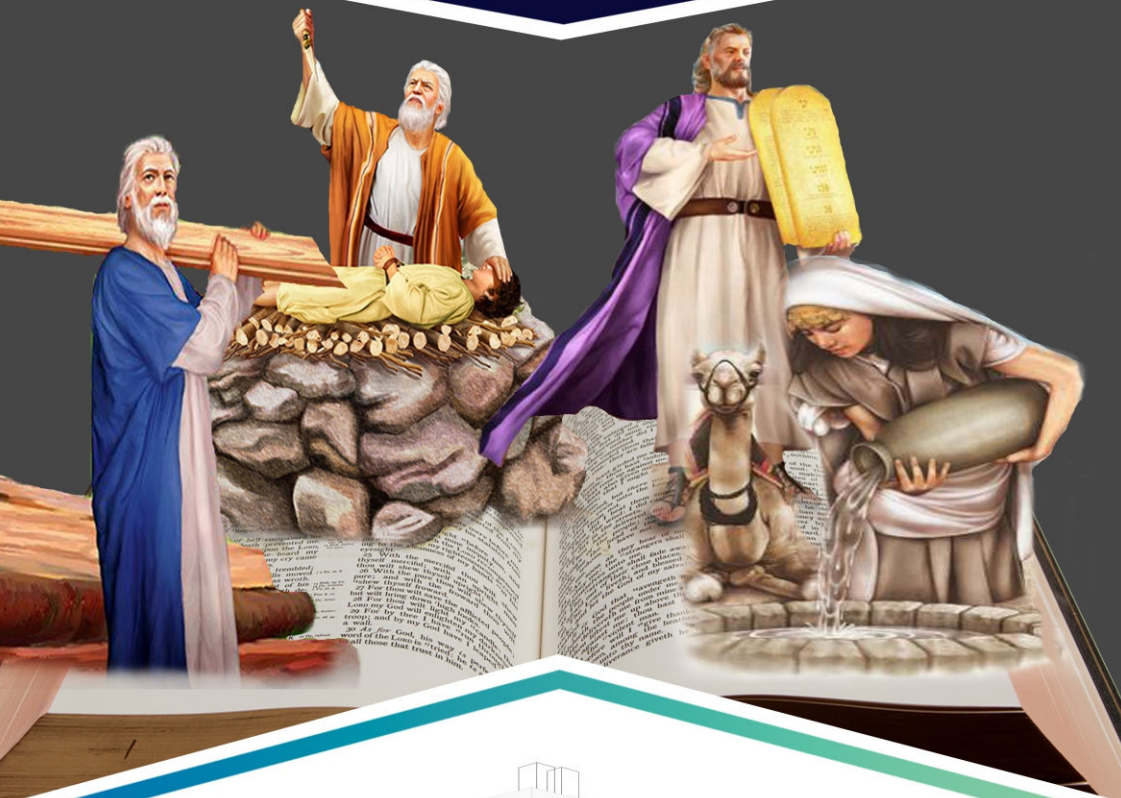


What is the Importance of The Old Testament ?

STUDY # 11



THE GREAT TRUTHS OF THE BIBLE

"Thy word is truth" ...John 17:17

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WHAT IS THE IMPORTANCE OF THE OLD TESTAMENT ?

PLEASE NOTE: Kindly refer to your Bibles for every scripture reference and read thoroughly.

MOST SCRIPTURE PASSAGES ARE QUOTED FROM THE AUTHORISED KING JAMES VERSION (KJV)

Today we will take up the subject of the Old Testament and its IMPORTANCE and PURPOSE in the Bible—



It covers about 3/4th of the Bible and contains 39 Books in all.



Today many do not give much importance to the Old Testament.



In fact the Bible Society itself prints Bibles containing **ONLY** the New Testament and minus the **OLD** Testament.

From the Old Testament, only the book of Psalms and the book of Proverbs and maybe the book of Ecclesiastes is

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read, with all the rest being generally ignored.

Many consider the Old Testament as HISTORY—events having **ALREADY** taken place !

—About Israel and its experiences....., the wars....., the individuals....., their words, and great details of.....the journeys of the nation of Israel from Egypt to Canaan and **EVEN** afterwards...

BUT WHY IS ALL THIS RECORDED ?

Is it merely **OLD HISTORY** ? — **OR.....Is it just BIBLICAL HISTORY ?**

Is it only a detailed account of things that have **ALREADY TAKEN PLACE** thousands of years ago?

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE?

**AND FINALLY THE QUESTION IS
HOW IS THE OLD TESTAMENT IMPORTANT
TO US CHRISTIANS TODAY ?**



Let us now begin to see the **REASONS** -

REASON # 1

Hebrews 10:1

“For the law having a **SHADOW** of good things to come, and **NOT** the very image of the things...”



WHAT does this mean ?



WHAT is the meaning of.....a "shadow" ?



WHAT is meant by..... "good things to come" ?

Here Apostle Paul is referring to the Mosaic Law having a "shadow" of the "good things to come"

—WHEN ? —



Yes ! AFTER.....Jesus !

GOD HAS A VERY DEFINITE PLAN AS WE ALL NOW KNOW !

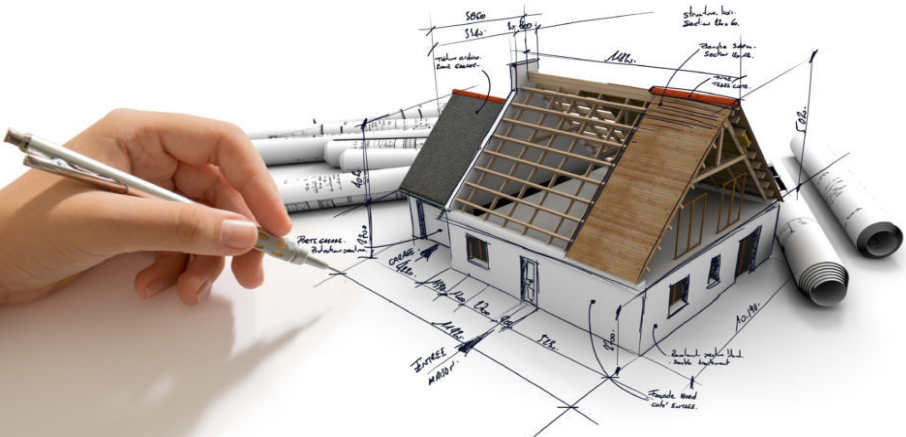
But, before the advent of Jesus to the earth this was NOT clear nor understood.

The "good things to come" refer to **GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION** for mankind from the grip of sin and death, centered on Jesus work of **REDEMPTION** through His death upon the cross of Calvary !!

Thus this **DIVINE PLAN** which would be fulfilled after the coming of His Son —

Jesus (Galatians 4:4) was shown in "shadow" during **THE PERIOD BEFORE JESUS.**

These "shadows" are like little "**models**" as shown by **ARCHITECTS** of today when they try to show how a house to be built will look like when finished !!



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In Biblical language these are called — **TYPES** from the Greek word used here - “**tupos**” and their fulfillment or “**REALITIES**” are called — **ANTITYPES**.

THE OLD TESTAMENT IS FULL OF TYPES AND ANTITYPES

Thus the Apostle Paul here in **Hebrews 10:1** (READ FULLY AGAIN) says that these atonement day sacrifices offered by Israel every year were only **TYPES** or “shadows” for the coming **REAL ATONEMENT WORK** for sin that would be accomplished through Jesus for “the blood of bulls and goats” **CANNOT WASH AWAY SIN** as we read in-



Hebrew 10:4

“For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.”

Now to the **SECOND REASON** of the importance of the Old Testament—

REASON # 2

Romans 15:4

“ For whatsoever things were written AFORE TIME were written for OUR learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.”

So, we see that all things written in the Old Testament

...“afore time”

were for “our” — the **CHURCH'S** learning, patience and comfort.

HOW, ONE MAY ASK ?

Just as there are physical weaknesses and sicknesses that we see and experience so too there are **SPIRITUAL weaknesses and sicknesses.**



When one has a **COLD** he looks for medicines like “Coldact” or “Coldarin” to heal it.

In case of **FEVER** there is **Crocicn**, **Novalgin**, **Imol**, etc.

These are medicines that bring physical healing.

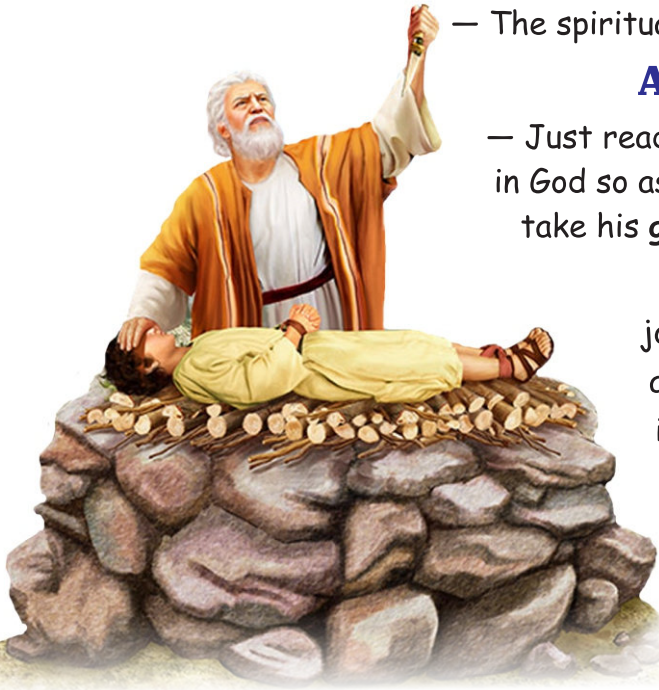


So too there are spiritual diseases which need spiritual medicines for **SPIRITUAL HEALING.**

LET US NOW SEE SOME SPIRITUALLY DISEASED
CONDITIONS ?



What happens if one's FAITH has....become
weak and tired ?



— The spiritual medicine to take is

ABRAHAM

— Just reading of his great faith
in God so as to be willing to even
take his **greatly beloved son**

three long day's
journey to offer him as
a **BURNT SACRIFICE**
in obedience to God's
words, increases our
faith in the
SAME God!

(Genesis 22:1-15)



What happens if one's ZEAL when living
in the world among unbelievers.....begins to
grow cold ?

— The spiritual medicine to take is

DANIEL

—Just reading about his great zeal in the midst of the

BABYLONIANS first and the
MEDO-PERSIANS next and
 never afraid or shy to
ACKNOWLEDGE his **GOD**
 among the unbelievers gives
 us the new
 strength for
ZEAL to the
SAME God
 today !



What happens when all the various troubles of life are....causing us to lose patience and begin to grumble and complain ?

— The spiritual **medicine** to take is

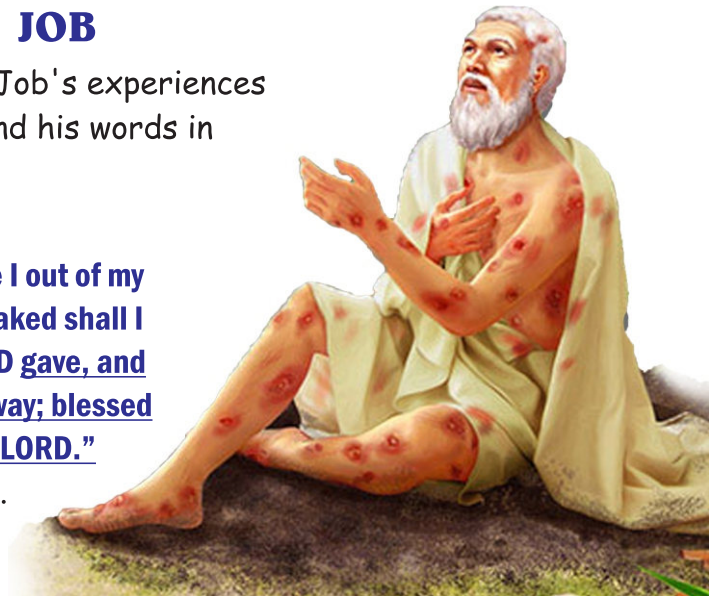
JOB

— Let's read about Job's experiences and sufferings and his words in

Job 1 : 21

“And said, naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.”

-And again in....



Job 2 : 9,10

“Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity ? curse God, and die. But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What ? Shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil ? In all this did not Job sin with his lips.”

....Yes ! Our **TROUBLES** and **PROBLEMS** seem as nothing when compared to Job !

Besides his words of faithfulness give us strength for **PATIENCE** with the **SAME** God today.



And so the list of spiritual medicines could go on and on

— NOAH, MOSES, JOSEPH, DAVID, ELIJAH

—all their experiences and life stories.....encourage and comfort “us” (the church) **TODAY !**

Now let us come to the **THIRD REASON** of the importance of the Old Testament -

REASON # 3

1 Corinthians 10:11

“ Now all these things happened unto them for ENSAMPLES : and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.”

This means that all the things that happened in the Old Testament times were as,

“.....**ENSAMPLES**” for “us” - the **CHURCH !**



WHAT ARE “ensamples” ?

"Ensamplers" are **ACTED OUT ILLUSTRATIONS** so to speak in the life stories of people and in this case the **CHARACTER'S** of the Old Testament.



WHAT EXACTLY IS MEANT BY AN "ENSAMPLE"?

This can be best understood by taking up one ensample from the Old Testament for study—

We will study a matter and an **ENSAMPLE** recorded in —

Genesis 24:1-67

(Read Completely)

This is the story of how Abraham sends forth his servant to look for a "bride" for his dearly beloved son Isaac.

Let us study the story in the scriptures first —

Thus we read from -

Genesis 24:1,2

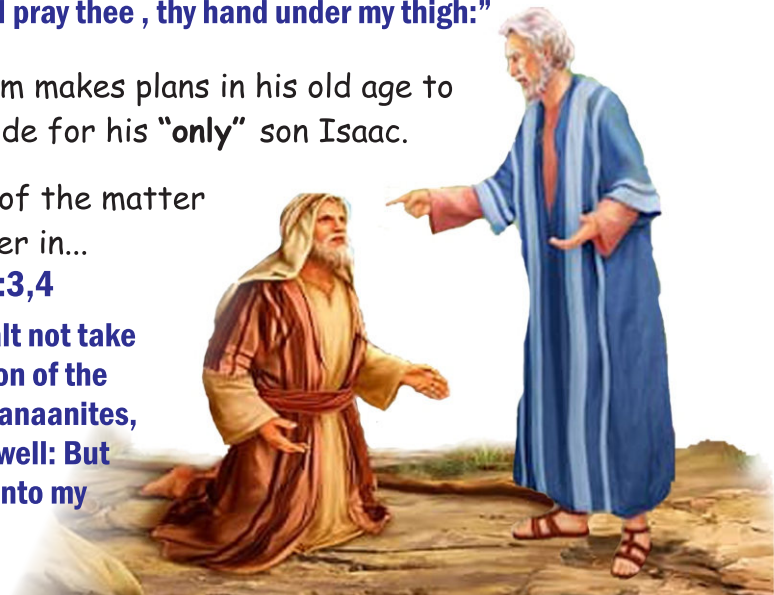
".....The LORD had blessed Abraham in all things. And Abraham said unto his eldest servant of his house , that ruled over all that he had , put , I pray thee , thy hand under my thigh:"

Ah, Yes! Abraham makes plans in his old age to look for a bride for his "only" son Isaac.

Then we read of the matter further in...

Genesis 24:3,4

".....That thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell: But thou shalt go unto my



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country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaac.”

He instructs his chief servant **ELIEZER**

(Genesis 15:2 - “...and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus.”)

UNDER AN OATH not to choose the bride from



“among the daughters of the Canaanites among whom I dwell”

but.....rather to go to

“my country and to my kindred”

.....which signifies a **FAR COUNTRY**.

Genesis 24:10

“And the servant, took ten camels of the camels of his master, and departed; for all the goods of his master were in his hand: and he arose, and went to Mesopotamia, unto the city of Nahor.”



Eliezer took 10 **CAMELS** loaded With “**all kinds of good things**” (NIV) and left on the long journey for the town of Nahor in Mesopotamia.

Then we read further in.....

Genesis 24:11

“And he made his camels to kneel down without the city by a well of

water at the time of the evening, even the time that women go out to draw water.”

Yes ! His journey's end brought him to a “well” at evening timewhen women go out to draw water, from the well.



There Eliezer sits down, with the camels and begins to pray as we read in

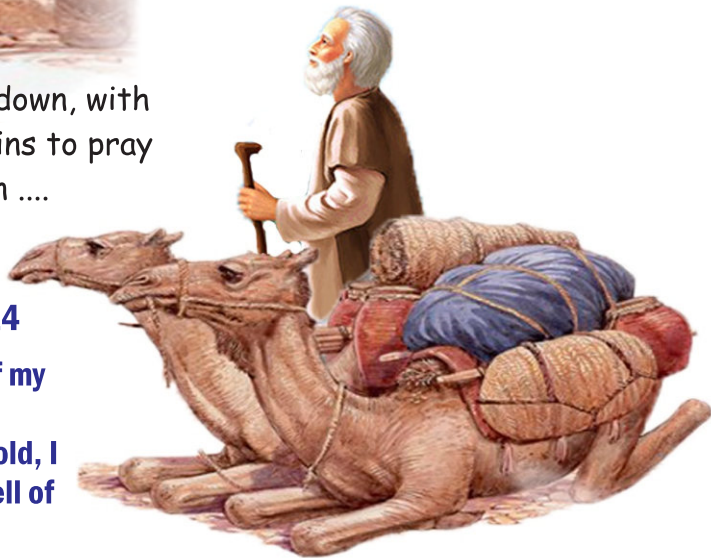
Genesis 24:12-14

“.....O LORD GOD of my master Abraham.....Behold, I stand here by the well of water;

..... And let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink and I will give thy camels drink also: let the same be she that Thou hast appointed for Thy servant Isaac.....”

Yes ! Eliezer prays to the God of Abraham for **GUIDANCE** and even mentions a “**SIGN**” to God for the accurate and correct **IDENTIFICATION** of the chosen girl—

“and she shall say “drink” and I will give thy camels drink also....”



AND THEN THAT HAPPENS ? Let us continue reading in.....



Genesis 24:15

“.....Before he had done speaking , that, behold, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, with her pitcher upon her shoulder.”

Even “before he had done speaking” **REBEKAH** came out to the well to collect water.

And then we read of what happens next in -

Genesis 24:16

“...The damsel was very fair to look upon, a virgin, neither had any man known her: and she went down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came up”

Yes ! She was **VERY BEAUTIFUL AND.....A VIRGIN !**

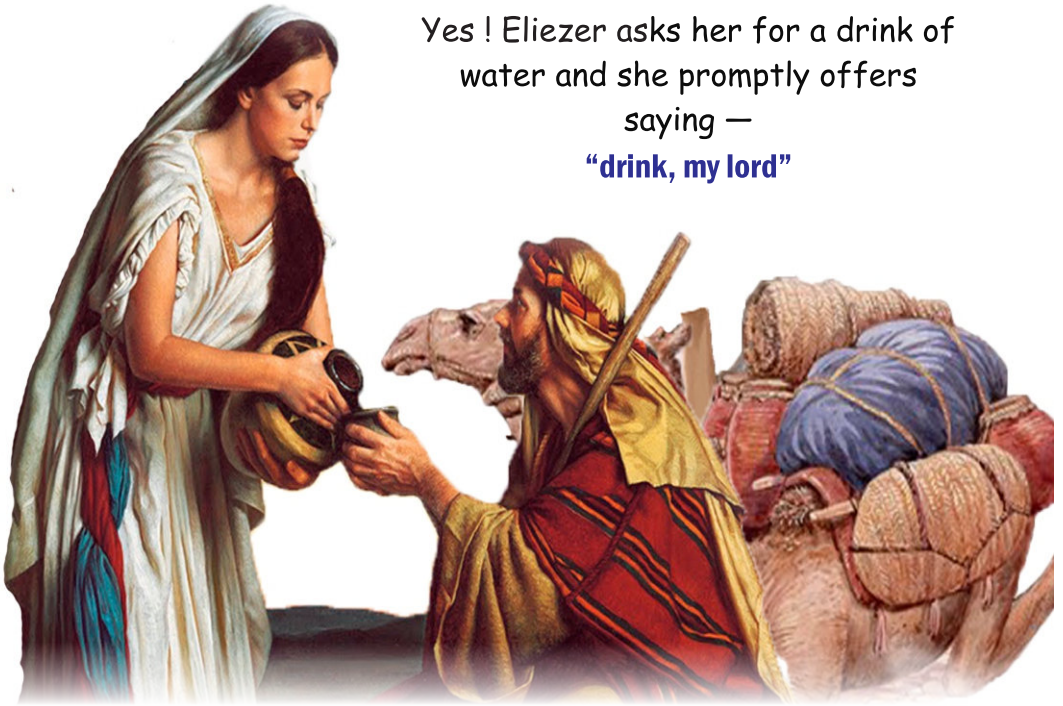
And then we continue to read in -

Genesis 24:17-19

“And the servant ran to meet her, and said, Let me, I pray thee, drink a little water of thy pitcher. And she said, Drink, my lord: and she hasted, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave him drink. And when she had done, giving him drink, she said I will draw water for thy camels also, until they have done drinking.”

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Yes ! Eliezer asks her for a drink of water and she promptly offers saying —
“drink, my lord”



.....and seeing the camels also offers to draw out water for the camels too !

How perfectly and ACCURATELY was the fulfillment of the “SIGN” that Eliezer had prayed to God for the IDENTIFICATION of the right girl !

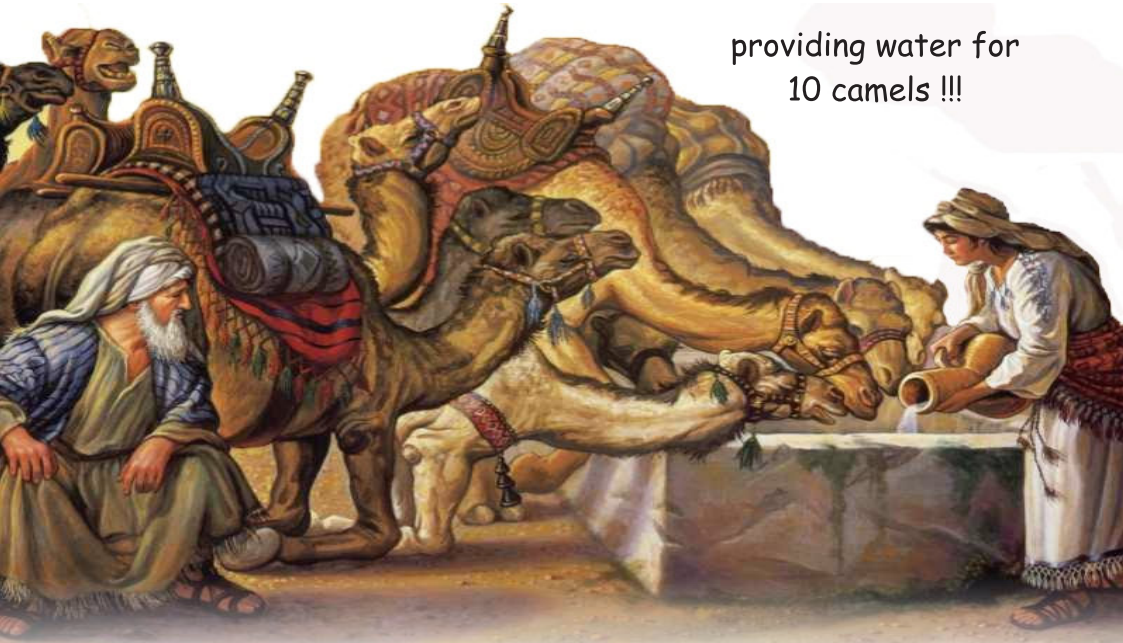
And then we read further in....

Genesis 24:20-21

“And she hastened, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again unto the well to draw water, and drew for all his camels. And the man wondering at her held his peace, to wit whether the LORD had made his journey prosperous or not.”

Yes! She went about the “HERCULEAN TASK” of....

providing water for
10 camels !!!



(Imagine the need of each camel — maybe approx. 10 pitchers each—a total of about 100 pitchers!)


And all the while Eliezer watched her.....**WITH WONDER** and thankfulness to God for hearing his prayer ! And then we read further...


Genesis 24:22

“.....As the camels had done drinking, that the man took a golden earring of half a shekel weight, and two bracelets for her hands of ten shekels weight of gold;”



AFTER THIS, Eliezer having observed all this, **GIFTS**
her —

 “a golden earring” of half a shekel weight and.....

 “two golden bracelets” of ten shekels weight of gold !

Now you can imagine how **SHOCKED** and **SURPRISED**

Rebekah must have been at receiving these grand gifts !!



And that too at...a well and for just providing water
to 10 camels!

OH ! SHE WAS VERY SURPRISED !

And then we continue reading in -

Genesis 24:23

**“And said, Whose daughter art thou? Tell me, I pray thee: is there room
in thy father's house for us to lodge in?”**

Yes ! Then Eliezer enquires about her family background
and whether he could lodge in her house and she answers—

**“I am the daughter of Bethuel , the son that Milcah bore unto
Nahor.” (vs. 24)**



**She is THE GRAND DAUGHTER OF ABRAHAM'S
ELDEST BROTHER NAHOR!**

And Rebekah continues.....

Genesis 24:25

**“She said moreover unto him,
we have both straw and provender enough, and room to lodge in.”**

Then she invites him to her house to spend the night and
ensures shelter and food for the camels..



Having invited him,
she runs home **IN
EXCITEMENT** to
inform her family
as we read in -

Genesis 24:28-31

“And the damsel ran, and told them of her mother's house these things. And Rebekah had a brother, and his name was Laban: and Laban ran out unto the man, unto the well. And it came to pass, when he saw the earring and bracelets upon his sister's hands, and when he heard the words of Rebekah his sister, saying, Thus spake the man unto me; that he came unto the man; and , behold, he stood by the camels at the well.”

Then **SHE RUNS HOME** and informs her **FATHER** and **ELDER BROTHER**, Laban.

They in turn “ran” and invited Eliezer to their home.



For it is not everyday that one receives such grand and **COSTLY** gifts from someone at a well !

Having settled down, Eliezer begins to disclose his identity and the mission he had come for, as we read on in -

Genesis 24:34

“And he said, I am Abraham's servant.”

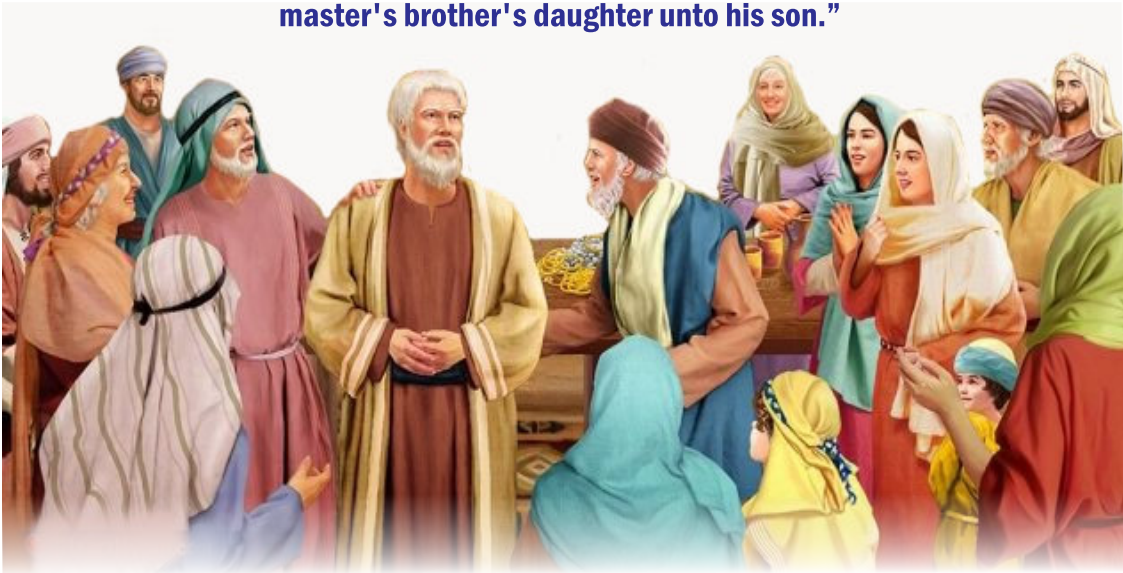
Yes ! Eliezer introduces himself as Abraham's servant and continues to **EXPLAIN THE MATTER OF HIS JOURNEY** as we read in -

Genesis 24:35-48

“And the LORD hath blessed my master greatly; and he is become great: and he hath given him flocks, and herds, and silver, and gold, and menservants, and maidservants, and camels, and asses. And Sarah my master's wife bare a son to my master when she was old: and unto him hath he given all that he hath. And my master made me swear, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife to my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I dwell: But thou shalt go unto my father's house, and to my kindred ,and take a wife unto my son. And I said unto my master, per-adventure the woman will not follow me. And he said unto me, The LORD, before whom I walk, will send his angel with thee, and prosper thy way; and thou shalt take a wife for my son of my kindred, and of my father's house:

Then shalt thou be clear from this my oath, when thou comest to my kindred; and if they give not thee one, thou shalt be clear from my oath. And I came this day unto the well, and said, O LORD God of my master Abraham, if now thou do prosper my way which I go: Behold, I stand by the well of water; and it shall come to pass, that when the virgin cometh forth to draw water, and I say to her, Give me, I pray thee ,a little water of thy pitcher to drink; And she say to me, Both drink thou, and I will also draw for thy camels: let the same be the woman whom the LORD hath appointed out for my master's son. And before I had done speaking in mine heart, behold, Rebekah came forth with her pitcher on her shoulder; and she went down unto the well, and drew water: and I said unto her, Let me drink, I pray thee. And she made haste ,and let down her pitcher from her shoulder, and said, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: so I drank, and she made the camels drink also. And I asked her, and said, Whose daughter art thou ? And she said, The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bare unto him: and I put the earring

upon her face, and the bracelets upon her hands. And I bowed down my head, and worshiped the LORD, and blessed the LORD God of my master Abraham, which had led me in the right way to take my master's brother's daughter unto his son.”



Oh yes ! He explains **IN GREAT DETAIL** the purpose of his visit.....and his experiences at the well that day and.....how God had very graciously and **MIRACULOUSLY** guided him to find Rebekah as the appointed bride for Isaac And then Eliezer asks them finally their response to the matter as we read in-

Genesis 24:49

“And now if ye will deal kindly and truly with my master, tell me: and if not, tell me; that I may turn to the right hand, or to the left.”

He asks Bethuel and Laban for their decision regarding the “hand” of Rebekah—



“that I may turn to the right hand or to the left”.



This was a symbol of **ACCEPTANCE** ("right") or.....**REJECTION** ("left") And they reply.....

Genesis 24:50,51

They say – "the thing proceedeth from the Lord... Behold Rebekah ... Take her and go..."

And then we read as we continue in.....

Genesis 24:53

"And the servant brought forth jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment, and gave them to Rebekah: he gave also to her brother and to her mother precious things."

He (**ELIEZER**) gifts Rebekah with



"jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment"



..... and to her **brother** and **mother**..... **"precious things"**

Isn't it strange that jewels of silver were given **FIRST** and then.....the jewels of **GOLD** ? !

Yes ! There must be some **HIDDEN DEEPER SIGNIFICANCE** over here !

And then we continue to read in

Genesis 24:54-56

"And they did eat and drink, he and the men that were with him, and tarried all night; and they rose up in the morning,"



and he said, Send me away unto my master. And her brother and her mother said, Let the damsel abide with us a few days, at the least ten; after that she shall go. And he said unto them, Hinder me not, seeing the LORD hath prospered my way; send me away that I may go to my master.”

He spends the night and they (Rebekah's family members) try to ask him to stay for

➡“at least 10 days”

....but the next morning Eliezer seeks their permission TO LEAVE IMMEDIATELY.



They try to persuade him **AGAINST IT** but he is firm in the decision to leave for Canaan

Thus when he insists, they call Rebekah and ask her, as we read in-....

Genesis 24:58

“And they called Rebekah, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, I will go.”

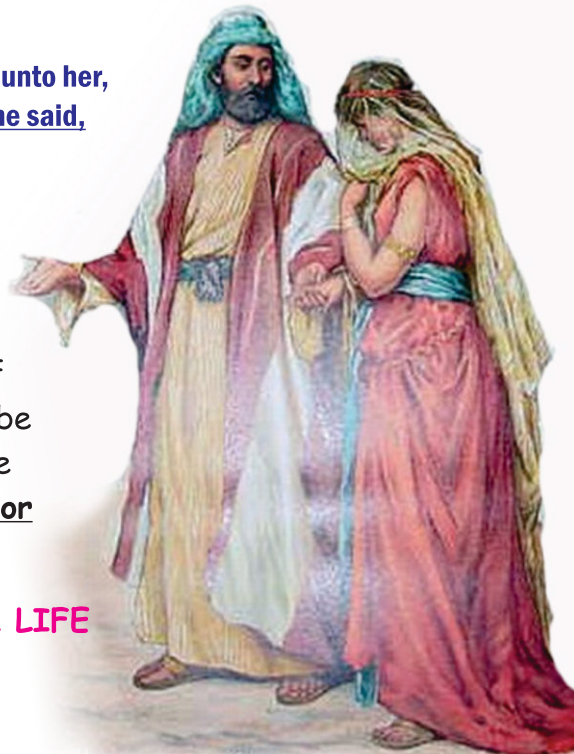
They ask Rebekah and she says —

➡ **“I will go”**

Imagine, **THE FAITH** of Rebekah -that she should be willing to go with someone she does not know even for twenty four hours !



SHE LITERALLY RISKS HER LIFE IN THIS DECISION !



And then we read further in -

Genesis 24:60

“And they blessed Rebekah, and said unto her, Thou art our sister, be thou the mother of thousands of millions.....”

Yes ! Rebekah is blessed with a peculiar blessing —

“be thou the mother of THOUSANDS OF MILLIONS...”

Isn't it A RATHER STRANGE STATEMENT TO MAKE ??

HOW is it possible for her to LITERALLY have so many children ?

We shall understand **THE SIGNIFICANCE** of these words later on in this class.

And then we read as we continue in -



Genesis 24:61

“And Rebekah arose, and her damsels, and they rode upon the camels, and followed the man.....”

Yes ! Finally Rebekah leaves with Eliezer and her.....
“damsels”— other virgins to assist her.

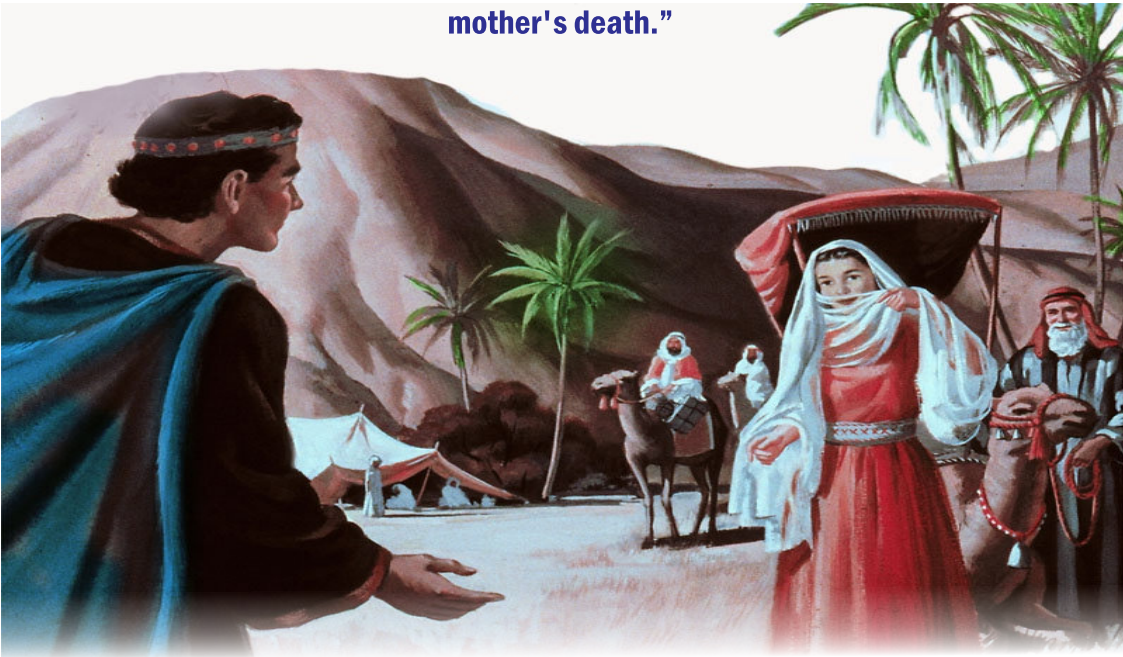
They begin the long journey to Abraham's country
- **CANAAN !**

Finally at the end of that journey we read again in -

Genesis 24:63-67

“And Isaac went out to meditate in the field at the eventide: and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, the camels were coming. And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she lighted off the camel. For she had said unto the servant, What man is this that walketh in the field to meet us ? And the servant had said, It is my master: therefore she took a veil, and covered herself.

And the servant told Isaac all things that he had done. And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her : and Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.”



As they near their destination they see Isaac meditating “in the field” and Rebekah, on enquiring with Eliezer, is told of his identity as —

“It is my master”.

Then she covered herself with a veil and thus, **THEN met** with Isaac and they then got married and Rebekah became Isaac's **WIFE**.



This is the **scripture** passage — it is.....an **ENSAMPLE** and....a **TYPE** in addition to the fact that it actually took place in Abraham's life.

Yes! It is an **ACTUALLY ACTED OUT ILLUSTRATION** of something very special and important to "us"
 **the church.**



Let us now see **WHAT** the "ensample" means and signifies in this passage—

Just as Abraham sent to look for a **BRIDE** for his "only" dearly beloved son Isaac —

we see at this time **ANOTHER** selection process taking place for a **BRIDE !!**

Let us read of this matter in—

2 Corinthians 11:2

"... for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a CHASTE VIRGIN to Christ."

Ah! Yes! It is the selection of a "bride" for Jesus!

THAT BRIDE IS THE CHURCH

(Revelation 19:7 - "for the marriage of the Lamb is come , and his wife hath made herself ready")

And there is now.....A **SELECTION PROCESS** going on for that "bride"— the **CHURCH** class.

And through this ENSAMPLE and TYPE we are to more clearly and deeply understand this matter of the selection of Christ's bride - the CHURCH !

LET US NOW SEE THE VARIOUS TYPES IN THIS
ENSAMPLE—



ABRAHAM

represents a **TYPE of God the Father**

as confirmed in his willingness to sacrifice his ONLY SON Isaac, much like how God the Father sacrificed His "only begotten Son" Jesus for the salvation of the world (John 3:16).



ISAAC

represents a picture of the Father's
Only Begotten Son Jesus (John 1:18)



ELIEZER

WHO DOES HE REPRESENT ?

Just as Eliezer was the **CHIEF SERVANT** of Abraham —
so too God too has a chief servant in all His works !

Servants in old times could not **EVER SPEAK OF THEMSELVES**...so too we read of with this chief servant of God as we now read from —

John 16:13

“Howbeit when he, the Spirit of Truth is come, he will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself...”

Yes! It is through the **DIVINE POWER** of the **HOLY SPIRIT** that the church class is now selected as we read in -

Luke 24:49 - “ and, behold I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high.”



Yes! Eliezer is a picture of.....**THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD.**

And then we continue to read on in -

Genesis 24:3

“that thou shalt not take a wife from the canaanites among whom I dwell”

This represents God's decision to select a **BRIDE** for His Son **NOT** from the **ANGELS** of heaven
“among whom He dwells.”



The selection conditions were very **SPECIFIC !**

Let us now read from -

Genesis 24:4

“....go into my country....”

Yes ! This represents a **FAR COUNTRY** from heaven.....the **EARTH !**

Yes ! God has decided to select a “bride” for His Son **ONLY** from **MANKIND !!**

And then we read further in.....

Genesis 24:10

“....and the servant took ten camels of the camels of his master”

Yes ! Eliezer takes....**TEN CAMELS !!!.**



WHAT DOES THAT REPRESENT ?

This represents something that we find mentioned also in **Luke 19:13** and “the ten pounds” (KJV Bible)and also represented by the “ten silver coins” in the parable of **Luke 15:8**. **WHAT DOES IT SYMBOLIZE OR MEAN?**

It represents the Word of God and especially....the **TEN GREAT TRUTHS** within!

Yes! The Holy Spirit “carries” these truths and reveals them to the church as we read in —

John 16:13 - “He will guide you into all truth....”

Yes ! There are **TEN SPECIAL TRUTHS** which we will study **IN CLASS # 46.**

Then, what do we read ? Let us continue as we read on in -

Genesis 24:11

“And he made his camels to kneel down without the city by a well of waters...”



WHAT DOES THIS REPRESENT ?

This is a picture of the “well” of “living water” —**THE BIBLE !**

John 4:10 - “....Thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee LIVING WATER”

Then we read further -

“...even the time that women go out to draw water....”

This represents those **SEEKING** and searching the Word of God for the “living water” --.....**THE CHRISTIANS IN...THE VARIOUS CHURCHES.**



represents the prospective “bride” of Christ—



.....**THE CHURCH CLASS.**

Her being “very beautiful” and....a “virgin” represents the “bride” class's**CHARACTER** and.....**FAITHFULNESS**

to **THE PURE TRUTH** of God's Word.

Then we read further in -

Genesis 24:19-21

“And she hastened and emptied her pitcher into the trough.....and drew for ALL his camels”

WHAT DOES THIS REPRESENT ?

This represents the **ENERGY** and.....**ZEAL** of the “bride” class in their **TIRELESS SERVICE** of the truth and of the Lord.....They not only seek the **TRUTH** for themselves but also seek to give it to others.....**AT GREAT PERSONAL COST!**

And then we read in -.

Genesis 24:22

“...the man took a gold earring....and two bracelets...”

What does this represent ?

THESE ARE PRECIOUS GIFTS !!

This represents that through the **HOLY SPIRIT** (Eliezer) the “bride” class receive these



“golden” gifts or....DIVINE gifts

(Gold represents the divine as in the tabernacle the items in the “Holy” and “Most Holy” are of gold)



“earring”

represents the **“HEARING”** of the “ear of understanding”—

opened by God through His divine power.

Remember Jesus words— **“He that hath ears , let him hear” !**



What he must of meant was -
 "Whoever has received the earring from the Holy Spirit,
 let him/her hear !!



"bracelets"

represents the **OPPORTUNITIES** to work for the **SERVICE** of God by Divine authority - for the hands represent work or service.

Then we read that **AFTER THE CONFIRMATION TO THE MARRIAGE PROPOSAL** of Rebekah she receives **FURTHER GIFTS** as we read in -

Genesis 24:53

"And the servant brought forth jewels of silver and jewels of gold and raiment..."

These gifts to Rebekah represent God's gifts to the prospective "Bride" class after they **GROW** in Christian faith and knowledge of the Word -



1. "Jewels of silver"

This is a picture of the precious **TRUTH** of God as represented by silver which we read about in -

Psalms 12:6 - "The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times"

Yes! The verses and words of scripture are opened up and **THE TRUTH** of **THE DIVINE PLAN OF GOD** is brought to the understanding. This the first great gift received !



2. "jewels of gold"

This represents the "exceeding great and precious PROMISES" of being made "partakers of the DIVINE NATURE" as seen in

2 Peter 1:4 - "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature,...."

Yes! This "gold" represents.....the INVITATION to THE GREAT HEAVENLY SALVATION that is now extended to the "church" class and the details of which we will be studying in CLASSES # 17, 18, 19. !!



3. "Raiment"

This represents the "ROBE of righteousness".

which covers sins AND now grants access to the "throne of heavenly grace" and makes one "JUSTIFIED" as we read in-

Isaiah 61:10 - "....For he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness..."

Yes! The 'RAIMENT' represents God's grace of JUSTIFICATION and the covering of sins through the blood of Jesus RANSOM sacrifice on the Cross of Calvary.

Thus the CHURCH receive all these "Spiritual" gifts THROUGH the Holy Spirit as typified here by Eliezer.

Then we read further

Genesis 24:58

“And they called Rebekah, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man ? And she said, I will go.”



This represents the **“FAITH”** and **“TRUST”** of the **CHURCH** class upon the Lord Jesus and the readiness to.....**FOLLOW** in His footsteps at whatever the cost !



Yes ! —He, whom **“having not seen , you love”** (1 Peter 1:8)

As Rebekah seemed to **risk** her life in following someone she little knew so too the Church seems to **“risk”** and devote the rest of their lives in following someone

who they have **NOT KNOWN** in that they do not **PHYSICALLY** see the Lord !

And then we read of that peculiar blessing in -

Genesis 24:60

“....be thou the mother of thousands of millions...”

This **BLESSING** is very peculiar ! What does this mean ?

How can a woman bear so many children ?



IMAGINE !

Its only when we see who Rebekah **TYPIFIES** that one can understand the significance of this blessing—



She represents the **CHURCH** as we have already seen who is to be glorified with the Lord as the “**BRIDE**” of the Lamb (Revelation 22:17).



BUT THERE IS MORE !

She is to become....the **SECOND EVE** unto the “second Adam” (1 Corinthians 15:45).

And Jesus and the church **TOGETHER** will give life and blessings to the world in the **RESURRECTION** as we read in -

Revelation 22:17

“And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.”

Yes ! The world of mankind—**THE MANY BILLIONS** are to be those— **“thousands of millions”** of children !!

Again we see this represented in **Proverbs 31** where from **vs10-31** it speaks of a “**Virtuous woman**” who in symbol represents the Bride of Christ - the “**Church**” class and in **vs 28** we read -



“Her children arise up, and call her blessed”

Yes! This represents the world of mankind “**arising up**” in resurrection to become the “**children**” of the church and Jesus and they number



“thousands of millions” or...BILLIONS!

And then we read-

Genesis 24:61

“...and they rode upon the camels and followed the man...”

Yes ! THE JOURNEY BACK HOME !

What does it represent ?

The journey of Rebekah with Eliezer represents
THE PERIOD OF TIME of the "earthly journey" of the church
— during this period of the **GOSPEL AGE**.



YES! -THE JOURNEY TO THE HEAVENLY CANAAN !

And then we read finally in

Genesis 24:62-67

"And Isaac came from the way of the well La-hai-roi; for he dwelt in the south country. And Isaac went out to meditate in the field at the eventide: and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and , behold, the camels were coming. And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she lighted off her camel. For she had said unto the servant, What man is this that walketh in the field to meet us ? And the servant had said, It is my master: therefore she took a veil, and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all things that he had done. And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife; And he loved her: and Isaac was comforted after his mother's death."

All these scriptures represent...the **END** of the Gospel age and **THE SECOND COMING** of Our Lord Jesus Christ and the moment when the **CHURCH** meets with



"her Lord"

.....in **THE FIRST RESURRECTION AFTER** the second coming,

in what is called the resurrection of the dead **"in Christ"**

(1 Thessalonians 4:16)

THE DEEP DETAILS OF THESE MATTERS WE WILL
STUDY IN LATER CLASSES.

Here **we suggest** that Isaac must have lifted
the veil of Rebekah to examine her beauty as any bridegroom
would do to his new bride!

This represents that the Lord too looks for **BEAUTY**
in His bride !

BUT WHAT KIND OF BEAUTY DOES JESUS LOOK FOR ?

We read of it in -

1 Peter 3:3,4



**“Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of
plaiting the hair and of wearing of gold or of putting on of apparel....”**



**“.....But let it be.....a meek and quiet spirit which is in the
sight of God, great price.”**

Yes ! This is the beauty the Lord looks for.....of
HOLINESS and **PURITY**,
.....**that is gained** and developed at the cost of much
suffering and self denial.

and thus she (**THE CHURCH**) shall “ever be with the
Lord” (**1 Thessalonians 4:17**)

Yes! Just as the love story of Isaac and Rebekah ended with
their marriage - so do we see the love story of Jesus and the
church end in

THE GRAND MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB ! (Revelation 19:7)

THUS WE HAVE SEEN AN ENSAMPLE AND TYPE OF THE OLD TESTAMENT REFLECTING AND TEACHING "US" SUCH GREAT DIVINE TRUTHS !!

And in this manner there are **MANY** more such **TYPES** and **ENSAMPLES** in the Old Testament scriptures such as —



ISRAEL and their bondage of slavery and deliverance from Egypt through **MOSES** as a mediator and their - exodus journey to Canaan.



The **SONG OF SOLOMON** (also known as Canticles) showing the relationship of the Lord and of His church.

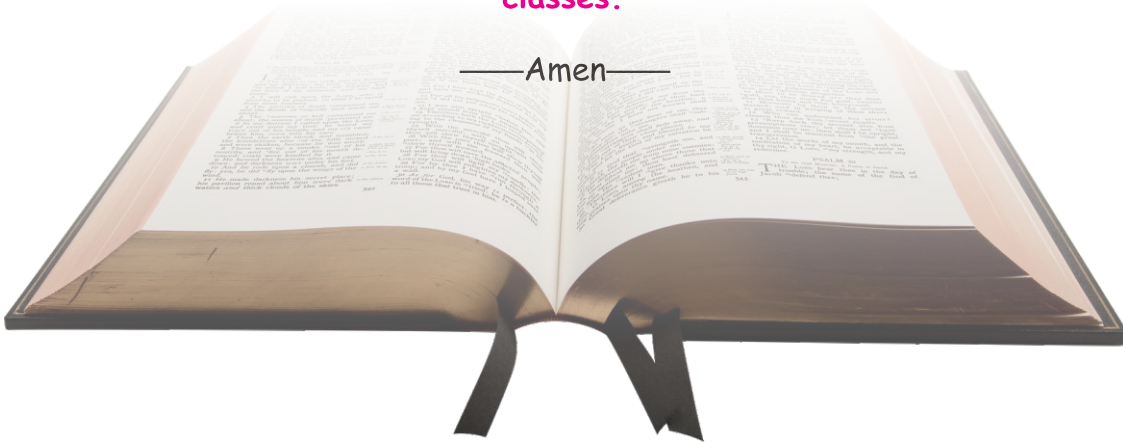


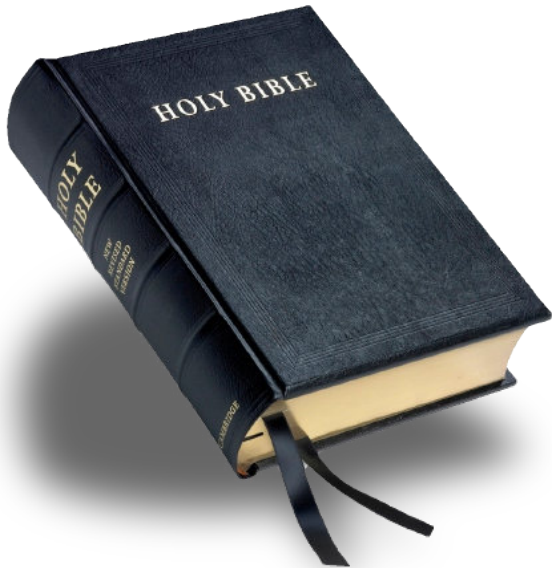
The **TABERNACLE** and its sacrifices (Hebrews 9:9,10) and what they signify.



The **LAW** and its features like the Passover, the Jubileeand many, many more
Such **JEWELS** of spiritual Truth are stored in the Old Testament of the Holy Scriptures
—about which we will gradually study in the coming classes.

—Amen—





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