

THE DIVINE PLAN HIDDEN IN ABRAHAM'S FAMILY

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#1 {Introduction}

Abraham's family is not fiction

Still they illustrate on a small scale persons or things yet future

The second Adam will regenerate all the posterity of the first Adam

Moses was a type of a greater Mediator—Messiah

Abraham was the Friend of God and Father of the Faithful

His family were prophetic pictures of the Plan of the Ages

#2 ABRAHAM A TYPE OF GOD

The promised blessings go through him to his Seed and constitute him the father of many nations

Sarah typified the Covenant which develops the Seed of Promise—Isaac

Hagar typified the Law Covenant and Ishmael the Jewish nation

The offspring of the Law Covenant were not destined to be the Spiritual Messiah

When Isaac was born, Sarah refused Ishmael and so Isaac became the picture of Spiritual Israel

#3 WELL-SPRING OF HOPE FOR THE JEWS

There was a competition for the Abrahamic blessing

Hagar and Ishmael were sent into the wilderness as the Jews were outcasts from favor for 1800 years

At an opportune moment an angel pointed the way to water for Hagar and Ishmael

The nation of Israel are rescued for their portion of the Covenant

ISAAC WAS HEIR OF ALL

Consolation: While Messiah must be spiritual, Israel never expected to be spiritual.

They will share the earthly New Law Covenant

Isaac typified the Messiah of glory through whom comes restitution with the New Law Covenant

#4 ELEAZAR TYPE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Eleazar was typical of the Holy Spirit to select a bride for Isaac.

He was sent only to Abraham's family

Rebecca betrothed herself to the unseen bridegroom

Her journey on camels is a picture of the Gospel Age

BRIDE CLASS AND GREAT COMPANY

Rebecca and her companions can picture two classes like the Tabernacle with priests and Levites

The true Church has been selected from every other nation, people and tongue

Jewelry given to Rebecca represents the blessings of the Holy Spirit

Arriving in the presence of Isaac, she covered herself

#5 MOTHER OF THOUSANDS OF MILLIONS

Sarah had died and Isaac received Rebecca into his mother's tent

Messiah will be the Regenerator and His Bride will be the Nourisher of all mankind

Jews will be the first among the nations to accept the new order of things

Through them will the blessing extend to all mankind.

Let us make our calling and elect sure for membership in the Bride of Christ