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Gen. 12:1-4

CONTINUING THE STORY OF THE SCARLET THREAD THROUGH THE BIBLE

INTRODUCTION:

The first 11 Chapters of the book of Genesis tells a story of the whole human race, the family of God.

Gen. 12 - We begin with the family that God has chosen, through whom he will keep that promise - I give thee a seed that will crush Satan's head.

God said to Abraham - who lived in the ur Chaldees, get thee out from thy Father's house and thy Father's people. These people lived in an idolatrous city. It is said that Abraham's father was an idol maker - who sold idols.

I will make thee a great nation. Curse them that curse thee. And bless them that bless thee. I am going to bless thy seed and all nations of the earth shall be blessed.

Now this is of the family of Shem. And Abraham did not leave at first. He moved to Haran, until his Father, Terah, died. He left his brother Nahor there and took his wife, Sarah, his nephew Lot and his family and moved down to the Promise Land.

✓ Bethel

✓ Hebron

✓ Egypt because of famine.

Back up to Hebron. There he and Lot divided. Lot pitched his tent toward Sodom and became the mayor of the city. The angels came down and told Abraham that the city would be destroyed.

Abraham prayed for the city - if there be 50 - if there be 40 righteous. And finally, if there be 10. And the angel could not find 10 righteous men.

And Abraham watched the fire as it fell upon Sodom, after Lot and his two daughters had been led away.

The picture here is of Christ's second coming. First, the people of God must be taken out, before the fire and the brimstone can fall. Abraham watched the cities of the plain and then moved on to Beersheba.

Now we begin the story of Isaac, and Jacob. Isaac loved Esau. Rebecca loved Jacob. Now Esau was a man that you would have liked. He was a fisherman and a hunter, he liked to be out with the dogs. But he was carnal and he liked things of the flesh.

Esau sold his birthright because he was hungry.

He was cheated out of his blessing and Jacob fled the country.

God revealed at Bethel his plan of the Saviour to come.

Jacob went to the house of Laban, the brother of Rebecca. Here he worked 7 years for a wife. And he was given a wife and he woke up the next morning and he looked and it wasn't Rachel. I have always thought that was one of the stupidest things a man ever did in all his life. That he couldn't tell in the nighttime whether it was Rachel or not. He should have known her better than that. He had been tricked and had been given Leah.

He worked 7 more years for Rachel.

He worked 6 more years for Laban. And at the end of 20 years he is on his way back to Palestine, on the East side of Jordan. He destroyed the men of Sheckem.

At Bethel he renews his vows to God.

At Hebron, Rachel dies.

History moves on, and Joseph is sent to Dothan to find the flocks. He has a coat of many colors. His brothers sell him and he finally lands in Egypt where he is made prime-minister.

His brothers have to go to Egypt in time of famine. And the story finally is that Pharaoh, moved the family there and Joseph settled in Goshen. When Jacob died his bones were to be carried back to Canaan. The Israelites prosper.

Pharaoh burdens them as slaves.

Man is raised up by the name of Moses, he is tending sheep, at the foot of Sinai. And there we have the burning bush - the cry of God's people.

Then Moses and the 10 plagues are given and that (night of nights.) They use a lamb and the hysop is dipped in blood and sprinkled on the door posts, across the door, in the sign of the cross. This blood sprinkled was in the form of the cross. This is the scarlet thread.

When the death angel passed over, he spared their home. The homes that were under the blood were to be spared.

That night Israel goes out. Then we cross the Red Sea. And in the third month they are at (Mt. Sinai.) Forty days and nights in the mountain, the Lord talked with Moses.

Ex. 19:20 - the moral law.

Ex. 21:24 - the civil law.

Ex. 25:40 - the ceremonial law, dealing with the tabernacle, priests, and the sacrifices.

Lev. 1-7 - The sacrifices - five of them. First the burnt. Second, the meal. Third, the peace. Fourth, the sin. Fifth, the trespass. Now the trespass sacrifice was one that was for the man who committed the sin but didn't mean to do it. It was not intentional.

8-10 - Consecration of priests.

11-15 - Ceremonial holiness.

16 - Day of Atonement.

17-23 - Festivals.

24-27 - Vows, ties, and laws of obedience.

Now every celebration was to be a happy one, except the day of atonement. The celebration is now called Yom Kippur. And every Jew that is a Jew celebrates this.

1-10 - At Sinai a census was taken. And they observed the passover.

11-21 - The march to (kadesh barnea). The spies were sent out. They returned not with faith but saying there are giants over there. Walled cities. We cannot conquer that land. We are like grasshoppers in their sight.

Joshua and Calab said but God is with us. Let us conquer. Let us inherit it. No, said the other ten, and the people turned back and Israel wept and for 38 years they wandered aimlessly in the wilderness. It lasted

until that generation died.

Now they are back at kadesh barnea and they make their way to Moab.

~~Deut.~~ Deut. 5 - There are five addresses of Moses.

1-4 - History of the 40 years.

5-26 - The law.

27-28 - Blessings and cursings.

29-30 - Second covenant.

Song and last words. God said to Moses - get thee up, to the top of Mt. Nebo - on top of Pisgah and see this is the land that I swear unto Abraham., to Isaac, to Jacob, and thy seed shall inherit this.

Then God speaks to Joshua - arise, my servant is dead. (Moses) And inherit the land. He goes over and there he had the wars which follow.

We come next to the Judges and these are raised up in time of Crises. The Moabites, the men of Philesta, the Midianites, the Anomites, wave after wave of enemies would come. And each time God would raise up a deliverer. Shamgar used ox goad. Debra also a woman called to help Barak defeat Sisria. The story of Gideon. And the last of the Judges, Sampson, who had to fight the Philistines.

We come now to I. Sam. The Ministry of Samual, Saul, and David - and Samual is the last of the judges. He was born of the godly woman Hannah. And 3 years old he was brought to the pastor of the church, Elie, and in childhood God spoke to him.

He taught the people and he made a circuit teaching and preaching. When he was aged, people said we want to be like the people and the nations round about us. We want a king. God said to Samuel, give them a king.

Saul, a powerful, godly, handsome young man was selected. But something happened and this humble man changed and became disobedient. He looked at the gold of the Amalekites.

Goliath. The enemy came against Israel and began to curse Israel and Israel's god. And he said come and fight. And then we find there was a boy.

Remember God sent Samuel sometime before to a man's house to anoint another king. And he looked at all the boys, but at last he came to the last one and the goodness of God was in his face. Now this boy is about 16 years old. And he came down into the valley with Goliath. 9' 6" tall. What a power he would have been on a basketball team. He had all his armour on - he was a giant. And over here was a little shepherdd boy with a staff and a few pebbles - and the giant said I'll feed you to the birds. And he was walking down as though to get this young fellow by the nap of the neck. And David let that rock go and it hit him in the forehead. Then he took his giant sword and hacked off his head. Now following this, the women sang. The people rejoiced. And Saul began to eye David and to hate David from that day forward.

David fled the country and went to Ziklag.

Now the Philistines continued the war against Saul. And Saul was at Gilboa - depressed, and he decided to take things in his hands and go and counsel a witness in the dead of the night, to (visit this witch). He asked her to find Samuel. Now no witch can bring up the dead, but God let Samuel come up. And when Samuel appeared, her hair stood straight up on her head because she knew that she had been a hoax. It scared the daylights out of her.

Now God did not answer because he had forsaken him. And Samuel said there is nothing you can do when God has left you.

There is nothing anybody else can do. And Samuel went on to say, tomorrow, this time of the day - you will be with me. He will be numbered among the dead.

The next day the enemy slew Jonathan, Abinadab, and Malchishua. Saul saw that he was going to perish. He took out that awful sword and fell upon it and died in a puddle of blood. And then we discover that the next step will be the history of David. And we continue this thread at a later time.

Commencement Program: Smith High very beautiful + concluded studies for a fine group of young people - many awards were given.

Touching story of cost & price of freedom!

Li Sung Lee - Received Diploma -

Her mother stood for 10 hrs. in prison in deep water. Her hands tied behind her to a pole, while her child Li Sung clung to her back -

Torture by Communist - She wanted to come to America,

seated 3 or 4 rows in front of me & noticed a Chinese family -

Like Philip led to the deacon to speak to the church -

it felt impressed to speak to this family -

congratulated the father upon his great spirit & sacrifice & extended

my concern & prayers for this future.

Great Price -

(Salvation) not cheap - there is a scarlet thread through the scripture - finally the thread led to the cross - Christ Blood =

Some one here today will want to accept it!

ALL of this has been done for you!