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What you MUST DO to be ready!!!

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Chapter 5

Abraham

*“And there was a FAMINE in the land;
and Abram went DOWN into Egypt to sojourn there”
(Genesis 12:10)*

After the devastation of the worldwide flood in 2316 BC was over and the massive quantity of water had receded into its new, low-lying, oceanic dwelling places, much less land area now existed above water. Throughout the humungous oceans, this pristine ground now dotted planet Earth in the basic 7 continental shapes we know on the map today. Noah’s house of 8 people and all the animals stepped off the Ark—which had come to rest on Mount Ararat (located in modern day Turkey)—onto a new and different planet Earth. Children were soon born, as mankind set out repopulating Earth. Archeological digs prove mankind first settled in and created city-states all around the Middle Eastern area known today as the “Fertile Crescent”—stretching up the Tigris & Euphrates Rivers of Mesopotamia, across to the Jordan River & Mediterranean Sea of Canaan, and back down to the Red Sea & Nile River in Upper Egypt. It was a time long before the Medes & Persians, Greeks, and Romans (who would rise to power during the 1st millennium BC) dominated the area.

In this setting, 292 years after Noah’s Flood, Abram (Abraham)

was born [See Figure #1, page 12]. Abraham was another 10 patriarchal generations removed from Noah. And one day during his life God indirectly told him the Messiah would someday come from his lineage! Thus, Abraham became the 20th generational father (from Adam) on the direct genealogical descent to the coming Messiah. Oh, and God had BIG plans for the events in this man's life!!! For this would be the man through whom God would begin revealing to mankind—albeit, clandestinely!—His great plan of redemption (salvation or deliverance) for their souls. In other words, by controlling certain events in Abraham's life, God was going to secretly PROPHESY about the work Jesus would do during his 1st Coming—specifically, year 4,000! And just like Enoch & Noah's generational numbers had spiritual meaning with respect to what God was revealing through the events in their life, so too did Abraham's number of 20.

“20” was/is God's number for “redemption”. Imagine that!!! To confirm this (once the nation of Israel was established) God commanded all the males, age 20 and up, to pay a yearly “20 gerahs” ransom-offering for their souls: *“Then shall they give every man a RANSOM for his soul unto the LORD...This they shall give...half a shekel after the shekel of the sanctuary: (a shekel is twenty gerahs:) an half shekel shall be the offering of the LORD...from twenty years old and above, shall give an offering unto the LORD...to make an ATONEMENT for your souls”* (Exodus 30: 12-16). Do you see? In God's eyes the number “20” stood/stands for atonement (or redemption) and ransom: This is precisely what Jesus Christ was coming to DO and PAY for mankind's souls! Therefore, I will tell you again; by choosing Abraham as the 20th patriarch on the direct genealogical descent to the Messiah, God was saying, “I am going to control and manipulate certain events in Abraham's life to prophetically start revealing my plan of deliverance for mankind's souls.” Realize though, at the time, mankind did NOT know God was doing this!!! Shoot...most folks today—even preachers!—still do not know God DID this, for they do not know what the Old Testament stories are about! (In the “Moses” chapter, I am going to surprise you with something else God DID with the redemption-number “20” solidifying Christ died during mankind's 4,000th year!)

Digressing a little, observe God's mesmerizing omniscience

on display in this little-known, amazing fact in Abraham's life: God planned for Abraham to be born during mankind's 1,948th year (1,656 (flood) + 292)! Do you recognize the number? It is the number of the year on our current Gregorian calendar that Israel—the fig tree—was reborn as a nation (**AD 1948**)! Jumping ahead briefly... Abraham was to be the grandfather of Jacob, whose name God would change to Israel; thus, Abraham was the grandfather of the nation of Israel! Do you think the “year-number” exactness of “Abraham’s birth” and “Israel’s rebirth” is a coincidence? Friend, not a chance!!! God foresaw “last-days” mankind creating a yearly calendar based on Jesus’ birth—He even knew they would be wrong on that fact by a few years!—and He planned for Israel to be reborn on the same numbered year as Abraham’s birth from Creation. This is just God, again, cleverly demonstrating His “ability to know the future”, proving to us (or giving us evidence) that He exists and that He had the entire Game of Life mapped out before He even founded planet Earth. So, for the record, Abraham was born around 2024 BC (3972 BC – 1,948).

Interestingly, Noah was still living during the first 58 years of Abraham's life! The Bible documents Noah lived 350 years after the flood: “*And Noah lived after the flood three hundred and fifty years. And all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years: and he died*” (*Genesis 9:28, 29*). (Remember, Abraham was born 292 years after the flood.) So here is food for stimulating thought: Abraham might have heard a firsthand account from Noah of the horrendous, global flood! Picture little Abraham sitting at old Noah's feet listening to how he built an Ark to the saving of his family (house). Consider Abraham's reaction to the righteous “fear of God” flashing in Noah's eyes as he recounted the moment it first began to rain! I can see young Abraham's eyes grow wide with horror as Noah told him about the people screaming and banging on the door of the Ark wanting in, but God had already shut the door! No doubt, Noah's unwavering, raw belief in the invisible Creator God, entrenched in his cracking voice, would have made a lasting impression on Abraham.

In any case, history confirms the “global flood story” passed along orally to mankind during the centuries following the flood. As people spread out across planet Earth, obviously the horrifying flood

tale went with them: There are nearly 100 similar flood accounts known among native people across the globe. Almost every indigenous tribe still recounts some form of the diluvian tale. One of the earliest forms of writing archeologists have unearthed is “cuneiform”, and it exists on thousands of clay tablets excavated from Middle Eastern soil. What do you suppose was the underlying, prevailing theme in those writings? Almost universally, they express anxiety, concern, and dread of a flood! Friend, it took a long time for the fear of the “flood incident” to leave the hearts of mankind. Nowadays, it is completely gone!

For whatever reason, Abraham clearly believed in the invisible Creator God (love) because the Bible says: “Abraham obeyed my (God’s) voice, and KEPT my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws” (Genesis 26:5). Say what? Friend, here is the DEFINITIVE proof of what I have been telling you: ALL mankind’s hearts have known God’s 10 Love Commandments! For how could Abraham have KEPT all of God’s laws, commandments, and statutes if he did not know them? (Moses would not receive the 10 Love Commandments on Mount Sinai until over 600 years later!) Friend, I rest my case: The moment Adam & Eve ate the forbidden fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, ALL of God’s future-born spirit children on Earth were born knowing the difference between good & evil in their heart—which is obedience or disobedience to the 10 Love Commandments, respectively. And what made Abraham special in God’s eyes was that he followed after the WAY of good, obeying God’s 10 Love Commandments!

But if you still do not believe me, let us keep Biblically proving mankind’s knowledge of EACH of the 10 Love Commandments long before Moses’ time. In the 9th chapter of Genesis, you will find a story proving mankind knew God’s 5th Love Commandment, “*Honour thy father and mother*”. For after the flood, Noah’s son Ham saw his dad drunken and uncovered in his tent. But instead of humbly covering his father’s nakedness and shutting his mouth about it, Ham went and jokingly told his 2 brothers, Shem & Japheth, about it! When Noah found out what Ham had done, he CURSED his descendants. Read about it! Then ask yourself, “After being cursed, do you think Ham knew he had done evil (wrong)?” Friend, HE KNEW BEFORE THAT!!! ALL

mankind knows they are to respect their parents.

Here is another story, in the 20th chapter of Genesis, proving mankind knew God's 7th Love Commandment, "Thou shalt not commit adultery". The king of Gerar, Abimelech, took Abraham's wife Sarah into his courts for he did not know she was married. But God came to Abimelech in a dream, saying: "Behold, thou art but a DEAD man, for the woman (Sarah) which thou hast taken; for she is a man's wife" (Genesis 20:3). Do you think Abimelech did NOT know adultery was a sin? Shoot, he feared for his life!!! But God kept him from SINNING: "I (God) also withheld thee from SINNING against me: therefore suffered I thee NOT to touch her" (Genesis 20:6). Please read the full story and then ask yourself, "WHEN did mankind learn "adultery" was a sin?" The answer is blatantly obvious...when Adam & Eve sinned! (Incidentally, more proof mankind knew "lying" was a sin is contained in the same story.)

Alright, let us now delve into God's prognostications through the adventures in Abraham's life. Abraham lived with his wife Sarai (Sarah) in his father's clan in Haran. But when Abraham was 75 years old, God told him: "Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee... and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed" (Genesis 12:1-3). Now why would God tell Abraham to leave his father? Why could not Abraham's ENTIRE clan go? Because, friend, God has just begun another parable and it has to be accurate in every way!!! Oh sure, Abraham is going to live these events, but they are speaking symbolically and spiritually about the Messiah! In other words, through His words to Abraham, God was already revealing hidden details about His plan of deliverance for mankind's bound souls. (Remember, mankind's souls are helplessly separated from God's Spirit of life.)

See, "ALL the families of the Earth" would be blessed through what the Messiah would do for them on the cross. But for THAT to take place, the Messiah would have to leave his Father's house and kindred (angels) in Heaven and come to planet Earth! Do you understand? God's instructions to Abraham were actually a prophetic, behind-the-scenes glimpse at His conversation with Jesus before Earth's establishment:

“Son, one day you will need to ‘get thee out of Heaven’, away from Me (your Father) and go to planet Earth. And through what you will do there on a cross, all My spirit children will be blessed. And, eventually, I will make of thee (and your ‘house’ of people) a great nation there.” See, God was prophesying about the Christ! NOW you know why God told Abraham to leave his father. And now you know in this story (parable) Abraham represents Jesus.

Note: it is now mankind’s 2,023rd year (1656 + 292 + 75) or roughly 1949 BC (3972 BC – 2,023). What does that mean? It means the 3rd millennial day in God’s 7 day (7,000 year) master plan has begun! THIS would be the millennium God had penciled in to covertly make known the coming redemptive work of His son, the Messiah Jesus! God will secretly deal with the revelation 3 times—in Abraham’s life, Jacob’s life, and in the nation of Israel’s life. All of these stories are REALLY parables, and they will all occur during the 3rd millennial day! Thus, the 3rd millennial day in God’s 7 day (7,000 year) master plan for mankind was for furtively foretelling how He would deliver mankind’s souls from their bondage to sin and death.

Abraham obeyed God and departed from his father’s house with a few people and his wife Sarah. So in this story (parable), Abraham represents Jesus leaving his Father’s house. Truly, the Bible affirms Jesus left all the treasures of glory in heaven—his Father, the angels, etc—to come to Earth and bleSS ALL the souls of mankind by freeing them from bondage: “*But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man... **in bringing many sons unto glory***” (Hebrews 1:9, 10). Paul wrote: “*For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor*” (II Corinthians 8:9). Do you see? Jesus left the splendor of Heaven to become a man, in the flesh, on this sin-sick Earth. And he did it for us!!!

When Abraham arrived in Canaan—present day land of Israel—God told him: “*Unto thy SEED will I give this land*” (Genesis 12:7). This, too, is about Jesus! Paul understood it: “*Now to Abraham and his SEED were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And **to thy seed, WHICH IS CHRIST***”

(*Galatians 3:16*). Do you understand? See, the “seed promise” God made to Abraham was NOT about the Jews or the Earthly nation of Israel: It was a prophecy about the coming Messiah, Jesus Christ!!! Jesus was going to be the “spiritual seed” that would BIRTH a spiritual harvest of ALL the righteous spirit children counted worthy to enter the kingdom of God: And it is Jesus who will be given the land of Israel to rule Earth from in the coming Kingdom of God and forever! So, in actuality, God’s covenantal “seed promise” to Abraham was merely a promise that the Messiah, Jesus, would one day come through his loins: *“For verily he (Jesus) took not on him the nature of angels; but **he took on him the seed of Abraham**”* (*Hebrews 2:16*).

Allow me to further clarify the true meaning of God’s covenantal “seed promise”, because it can be an esoteric concept. Look, for something to be born or birthed it ALWAYS requires a seed—like an azalea seed produces azaleas or an acorn seed produces an oak tree. In other words, where there is a “seed” there is potential for life, because once a seed is planted something can be born. Do you understand? Well, do you remember from chapter 3 that after Adam & Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden, mankind’s souls were DEAD, for sin had separated their spirits from God’s Spirit of Life? Alright, then it would take a SEED to birth them back to life!!! And, in God’s plan of redemption, Jesus would be that “spiritual seed”.

But here is the key; for a seed to produce (or birth) a harvest, it must be planted in the Earth! See, only after burying an acorn seed in the ground (symbolizing death) does it crack open and burst forth with life, popping a green stem into existence! Look, the moment the Messiah was conceived by the Holy Spirit in Mary’s womb, the “sinless spiritual seed” able to birth life into mankind’s dead souls was in existence. But for that to occur, the seed would have to be buried (die)!!! Thus, Jesus died spiritually and physically on a cross and was planted in the heart of the Earth. But 3 days later, He burst forth with resurrection life! And now he stands alone as the ONLY ONE—the “spiritual seed”—possessing the life-giving power whereby mankind’s souls can obtain eternal life.

Jesus understood all of this; listen to his words as he wrestled with the emotional pain of his imminent death: *“The hour is come, that*

the Son of man should be glorified. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn (seed, kernel of grain) of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit” (John 12:23, 24). Do you see? Jesus knew he had to die to bring forth a spiritual harvest of souls! He knew he was the fulfillment of the covenantal “seed promise” given to Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob in the Old Testament Scriptures, and that after his death and resurrection, he would have the power to birth mankind’s dead spirits (souls) back to life!

Incidentally, this is what Jesus meant when he informed Nicodemus, “Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God” (John 3:3). See, mankind’s souls need to be spiritually “reborn” to return to God. Jesus noticed Nicodemus’ confusion and said, “You, a respected Jewish teacher, and yet you don’t understand these things?” (John 3:10, Living Bible). Look, Nicodemus and the Jewish priests taught from the Law (Old Testament Scriptures) and prided themselves to be from Abraham’s physical seed. They thought God’s covenantal “seed promise” to Abraham was about them—the Jewish people and the nation of Israel—but it was not! It was about the Messiah, the very ONE talking to Nicodemus!!! Consequently, after scolding Nicodemus on his ignorance, Jesus immediately shifted the conversation to his imminent death: “And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man (Jesus) be lifted up” (John 3:14). In other words, Jesus was revealing to Nicodemus that he would have to die to become the “spiritual seed” whereby mankind’s souls could be “born again”. Nicodemus probably still did not understand Jesus’ train of thought, but make no mistake about it; Jesus was/is the fulfillment of God’s covenantal “seed promise” to the Patriarchs.

And since Jesus is the “spiritual seed”, then those people who repent of sin—willingly choose to live righteously by obeying the 10 Love Commandments—will one day become his “spiritual harvest”. This is why Jesus often told parables relating his 2nd Coming to a “harvest” or “reaping” event: “The harvest is the end of the world (age); and the reapers are the angels” (Matthew 13:39). He told his Disciples: “The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest” (Matthew 9:37, 38). Do you understand? Everyone

who ever lived on planet Earth, who chose to live righteously, will be “harvested” at Jesus’ 2nd Coming, for Jesus is the “spiritual seed” that grew (or made possible) that harvest! Listen to God prophesying through Isaiah, around 800 BC, about the coming Messiah: “when his SOUL has been made an offering for sin, then he (Jesus) shall have a multitude of children, many heirs” (Isaiah 53:10, Living Bible).

One day soon, God will make Jesus ruler of planet Earth, and it is his righteous spiritual children birthed by his “spiritual seed” that will become THE great nation, inhabiting Earth: “The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and HE shall reign for ever and ever” (Revelation 11:15). In other words, the great nation God promised Abraham was REALLY prophecy about the coming, 7th millennial day, great nation made up of all the harvested “spiritual children of Abraham”—those who obey the 10 Love Commandments. God confirmed a “child of Abraham” in His eyes is NOT an Israelite per se, but rather ANY spirit child on Earth exhibiting faith (love): “Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, THE SAME ARE THE CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM. And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham” (Galatians 3:6-9). Do you see? I will discuss clearly what it truly means to have FAITH in God (love) in the “*Faith*” chapter. You will discover the Biblical term “faith” actually means “to have faith in love (God)”, which is ONLY proved (shown) by obeying the 10 Love Commandments. This is why the Bible says, “*Faith without works (the works of love) is dead*”, meaning it is nonexistent. Remember Abraham obeyed all of God’s Commandments...THAT is what proved his faith (belief) in God (love).

It is vital that you understand God’s “chosen people” are ALL the righteous souls who have ever lived! God’s “chosen spirit children” cannot be identified by some meaningless, Earthly title like an Israelite, Russian, Egyptian, Babylonian, or American. These are merely nationality-tag names given to physical groups of people. Friend, the name of the country you lived under while on planet Earth will NOT

make a hill of beans of difference on Judgment Day. Paul recognized this and wrote: “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are ALL one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ’s, then are ye Abraham’s seed, and heir according to the promise” (Galatians 3:28, 29). Do you understand? God’s “chosen people” are those with Christ’s Spirit of love living inside their hearts. THESE are the people who will be heirs of the coming, promised Great nation, ruled by Jesus Christ.

See, friend, in God’s eyes we are ALL His spirit children. He loves us ALL equally for He is no respecter of persons: “For there is NO respect of persons with God” (Romans 2:11). In other words, He does NOT favor one person over another! Whomever you are reading this book, you mean as much to God as Abraham did. No Israelite or Jew is any more valuable to God than you are! God’s “chosen people” will come from all nationalities! Think about it logically; there will be thousands and thousands of Israelites in hell, just as any other nationality. Were any of them God’s “chosen people”? No!!! God’s “chosen souls” will ALL receive eternal life because they will have REPENTED—chose the WAY of good (love) over the Way of evil (sin) by obeying the 10 Love Commandments.

Returning to the story (parable) of Abraham, do you know who his WIFE Sarah represents? She represents the “bride of Christ”! See, this is just another way the Bible spiritually characterizes those people who make the decision to live their lives in obedience to the 10 Love Commandments. Not only are they the spiritual “sons & daughters of Christ”, part of the “house of Christ”, “born again” of his “spiritual seed”, and spiritual “children of Abraham; but they are also considered “married to Christ”: “Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him (Jesus) who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God” (Romans 7:4). Do you see? People that live righteously (bear fruit)—you will learn what “bearing fruit” truly means in the “*Bearing Fruit*” chapter—are deemed “*married to Christ*”. Jesus often spoke in parables about a coming spiritual wedding, when ALL the righteous people are reconnected with God: “And Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables, and said, The kingdom of

heaven is like unto a certain king (God), which made a marriage for his son (Jesus)” (Matthew 22:1, 2). Consequently, this is just another way the Bible expresses the ending of our present age...the righteous will be allowed into a wedding and the unrighteous will not. Subsequently, in this story (parable), Sarah epitomizes the “bride of Christ”!

Let us examine what happens next in the narrative (parable): *“And **there was a famine in the land**; and Abram went **DOWN** into Egypt to sojourn there; for the famine was grievous in the land” (Genesis 12:10).* The “famine theme”—which we will find more of in other ancient Bible stories—symbolizes what happened to planet Earth after Adam & Eve sinned. Mankind’s spiritual separation from God (source of life) was/is indicative of a spiritual starvation or a great famine. In other words, in this part of the story (parable) Abraham futuristically represents the Messiah coming down to this sin-filled, spiritually-famished Earth! Notice God’s impeccably correct (physical to spiritual) detail in the story...for which direction did Abraham travel? He went DOWN into Egypt! Friend, this is symbolic of Jesus having to leave Heaven and come down to Earth to rescue “fallen” mankind. (Remember, also, sin caused a great “spiritual fall” to Satan and his angels and they were cast down to Earth.) Try and fathom the fact that God planned from Creation to have a great ancient nation, Egypt, rise up south of the promise land—where Abraham was sojourning in Canaan—to precisely fit this prophetic parable!

In this parable, the “physical nation of Egypt” represents “all of fallen Earth” where Lucifer and his angels have set up their kingdom of darkness. And the Egyptian Pharaoh represents Lucifer! (Remember, Lucifer wanted what was God’s in the Garden of Eden—namely, rulership over all of planet Earth & God’s spirit children—and, subsequently, he became the “*God of this world*” by coercing Adam & Eve to sin.) God symbolized ALL of this in the story (parable) by having “Pharaoh capture Sarah”: *“And it came to pass, that, when Abram was come into Egypt, the Egyptians beheld the woman that she was very fair. The princes also of Pharaoh saw her, and commended her before Pharaoh: and **the woman was TAKEN into Pharaoh’s house**” (Genesis 12:14, 15).* Do you see? Through this story (parable), God is secretly recreating an accurate picture of the “bondage situation” plaguing mankind’s

souls! Thus, Sarah was enslaved by Pharaoh in Egypt, just like Adam & Eve and ALL of mankind's souls were enslaved by Lucifer in the Earth. In other words, Sarah (representing the one day "bride of Christ") was now in bondage to Pharaoh (Satan). Once God had this "bondage scenario" set up, He could now disclose how HE would free mankind's souls (or Sarah in this parable)! Of course, keep in mind it was ALL one big prophetic secret.

So, how was Sarah delivered (saved)? **GOD personally did it!!!** Genesis records: "*And the Lord plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai Abram's wife...And Pharaoh commanded his men concerning him (Abram): and they sent him away, and his wife, and all that he had*" (Genesis 12:17, 20). Ah, do you see? It was a supernatural deliverance! God delivered Sarah by plaguing Pharaoh! See, Abraham's men did not go into Pharaoh's house with swords and fight for his wife's freedom because that would not have fit what God was revealing through the parable. No, her salvation was COMPLETELY by God's hand alone! Do you recognize God's plan of deliverance for the souls of mankind taking shape? Mankind's salvation (freedom) would be a supernatural GIFT from God. Paul would write: "*Therefore as by the offence of one (Adam) judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one (Jesus) the FREE GIFT came upon all men unto justification of life*" (Romans 5:18). Friend, mankind could not deliver himself because all mankind had sinned. Thus, God would personally have to deliver mankind's souls. Paul later confirmed: "*To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them*" (II Corinthians 5:19). Yes, God freed mankind's souls from bondage to sin through Jesus (repairing the breach between mankind's spirit and His) exactly like God personally freed Sarah in this parable!

Ah, but God had one more detail to control to make the story (parable) perfect. The Bible says Abraham left Egypt rich: "*And Abram went up out of Egypt, he, and his wife, and all that he had...And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold*" (Genesis 13:1, 2). Where did Abram get these riches? "*And he (Pharaoh) entreated Abram well for her (Sarai) sake; and he had sheep, and oxen, and he asses, and menservants, and maidservants, and she asses, and camels*"

(*Genesis 12:16*). In other words, Abraham & Sarah left Egypt with Pharaoh's riches after God supernaturally delivered them. What does this represent? This is precisely what happened to mankind's souls after God delivered them out of bondage to sin & death through Jesus. See, mankind was spiritually poor (separated from God's spirit!), but after Christ's work of redemption at the cross we became spiritually rich (able to be reunited with God's spirit, again)!

Paul stated: "*For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, **that ye through his poverty might be rich***" (*II Corinthians 8:9*). Ah, do you now see the truth? Jesus left his Father in Heaven and came to Earth in human form to die; thus, he became spiritually poor (spiritually separated from his Father on the cross). But his work (death) delivered our souls from spiritual death (separation from God's Spirit) and afforded us the opportunity to someday exist in oneness with God; thus, he made us spiritually rich! NOW you know why Abraham & Sarah left Egypt rich.

Today, "preachers" lacking in spiritual discernment will devilishly claim Abraham's wealth implies God wants everyone to be materialistically wealthy now on Earth. Do you recognize the idiocy of that notion? The story of Abraham being rich had NOTHING to do with God desiring mankind to have materialistic (dirt) wealth: It is a parable!!! Thinking God wants mankind to be materialistically wealthy because Abraham left Egypt with its riches is like thinking Jesus' parable of the seed-sower means God wants us all to be farmers. What absolute absurdity!!! Folks, as I have already stated, the ancient Old Testament stories are all parables—i.e. they are meant to explain important spiritual "concepts" concerning mankind's souls.

Therefore, the story (parable) of Abraham was an extremely accurate, prophetic portrayal of what God would do for mankind's souls through Christ's work on the cross. God would take back the power Satan had over our soul's death by freeing us from our bondage to sin, making us spiritually rich again. The Bible proclaims: "*Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he (Jesus) also himself likewise took part of the same; **that through death he might destroy him (Satan) that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And***

deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage” (Hebrews 2:14, 15). In other words, just like Abraham left with Pharaoh’s riches, so too Jesus would leave the cross with Satan’s riches—namely, the power OVER mankind’s spiritual death!

Now, like I said earlier in this chapter; God will secretly deal with this subject matter (His “plan of deliverance” for mankind’s souls) 2 more times by orchestrating the events in other ancient Bible stories, and we will investigate these parables soon. Each successive time, God added a few more details, clandestinely revealing a little more about exactly how and when the Messiah would come and deliver our souls. Thus, this parable of Abraham & Sarah was just an initial, abbreviated look at God’s plan of redemption—i.e. the basic “framework” of the plan (plot) was there. And always remember it was ALL a secret mystery: Even the Jewish priests did not understand what God had done and said through the ancient Bible stories!

But rest assured, around 1950 BC—for the 1st time ever!—God had secretly revealed His plan for delivering mankind’s souls from their bondage to sin & death through the story (parable) of Abraham & Sarah in Egypt. Stay alert, for God does not wait long until He delves into the topic again! The next time God picks up the “prophetic redemption story” is through Abraham’s grandson, Jacob, and his dealings with Laban. Then, finally, God pulls out all the stops and secretly reveals ALL the details of His plan of salvation through 1 final, massive story (parable) involving Jacob’s (Israel) children in Egypt.

Those of you possessing some spiritual discernment should recognize (by Abraham & Sarah’s experience in Egypt) God was actually giving Abraham a taste of what his future children (the Israelites) would go through in Egypt—specifically, bondage and God’s supernatural deliverance! In fact, one dark night God just came right out and told Abraham what would befall his descendants: *“And he (God) said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them **four hundred years**; And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance” (Genesis 15:13, 14).* Those that have ears, do you hear?