

GENESIS 24: THE PATRIARCHS

ABRAHAM



אברהם

ישראל 1.10 ט"ח

اسرائيل
Abraham ابراهيم
בועדים התשנ"ח

ISAAC



יצחק

ישראל 1.70 ט"ח

اسرائيل
Isaac اسحاق
בועדים התשנ"ח

JACOB



יעקב

ישראל 2 ט"ח

اسرائيل
Jacob يعقوب
בועדים התשנ"ח

ELIEZER SENT NORTH



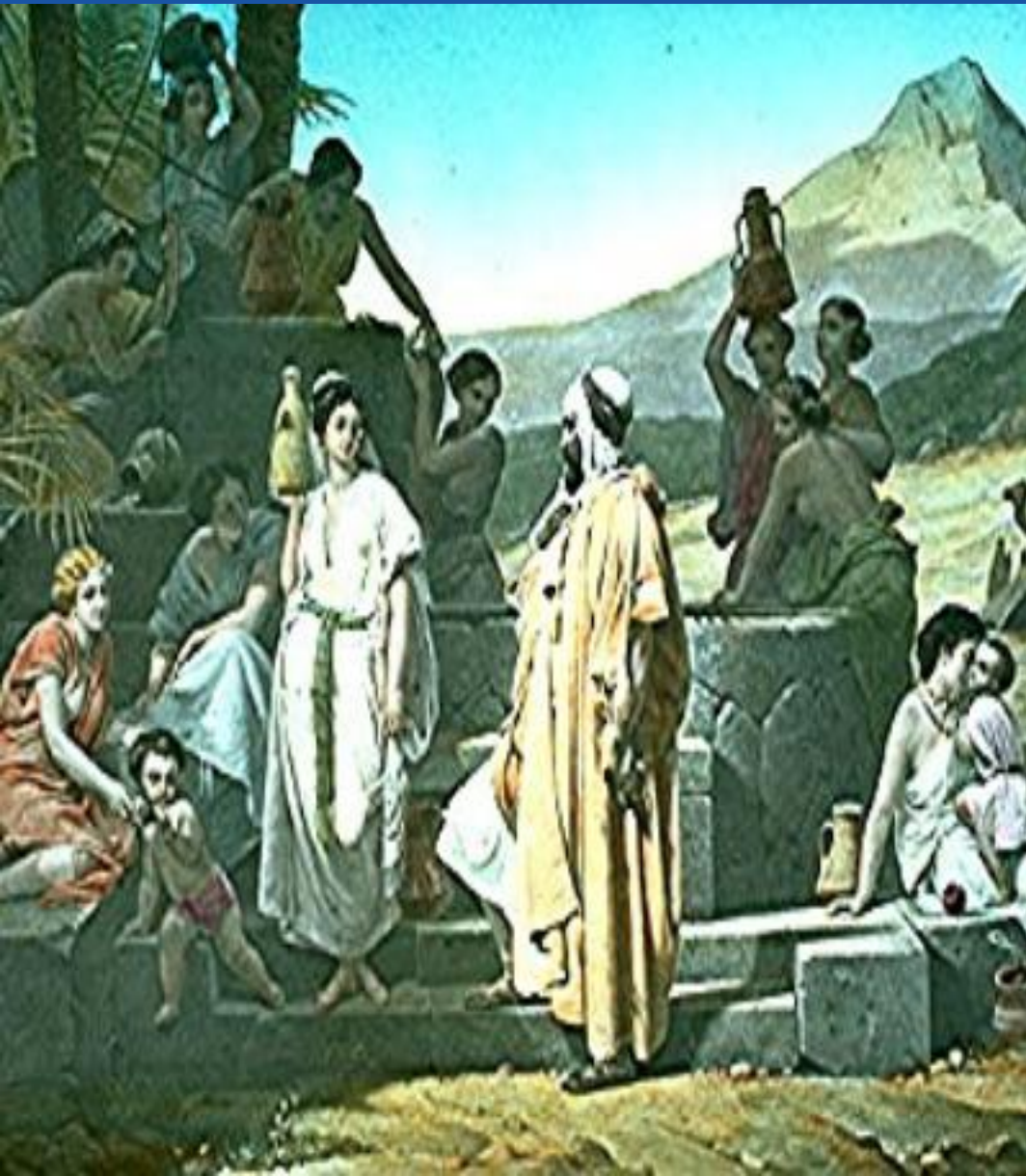
ABRAHAM PUTS ELIEZER UNDER AN OATH

- Abraham gives complete instructions to Eliezer in case Abraham dies
- *“hand under my thigh”*
- Hebrew idiom for genitals
- The Hebrew male genitals carried the sign of the covenant, circumcision
- Gen. 17:11
- Invoking the power and presence of God, as the guarantor of the covenant



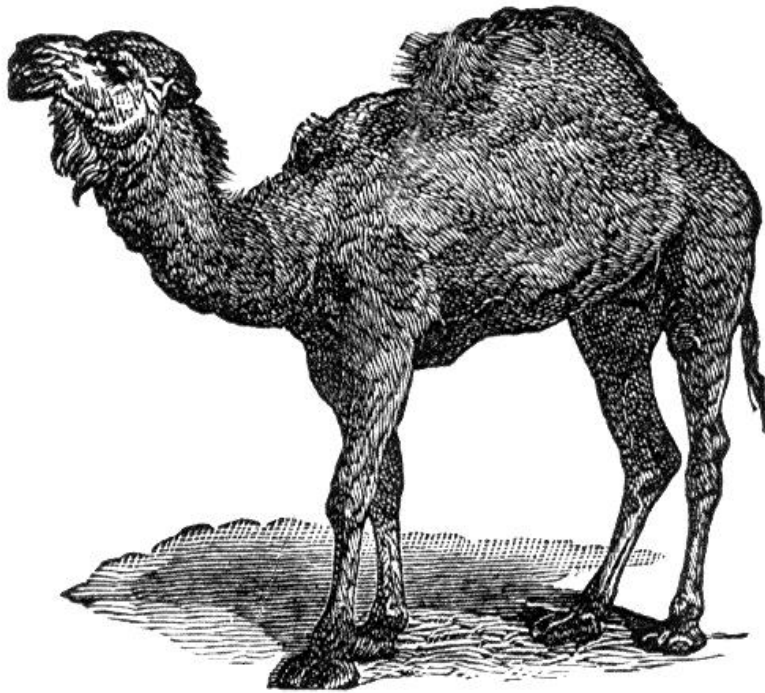
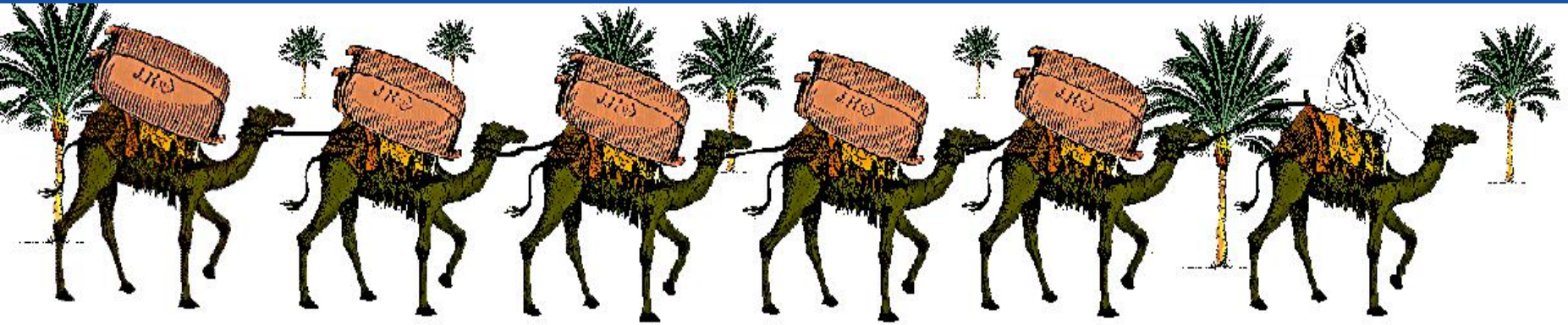
ABRAHAM.

AT THE WELL



- These are the last recorded words of Abraham
- Women were kept separate from the men
- It was understood that at certain times of the day women were to get water
- This was about modesty
- Women of the Bible often startled when a man was at the well

“CAMELS” IN THE BIBLE



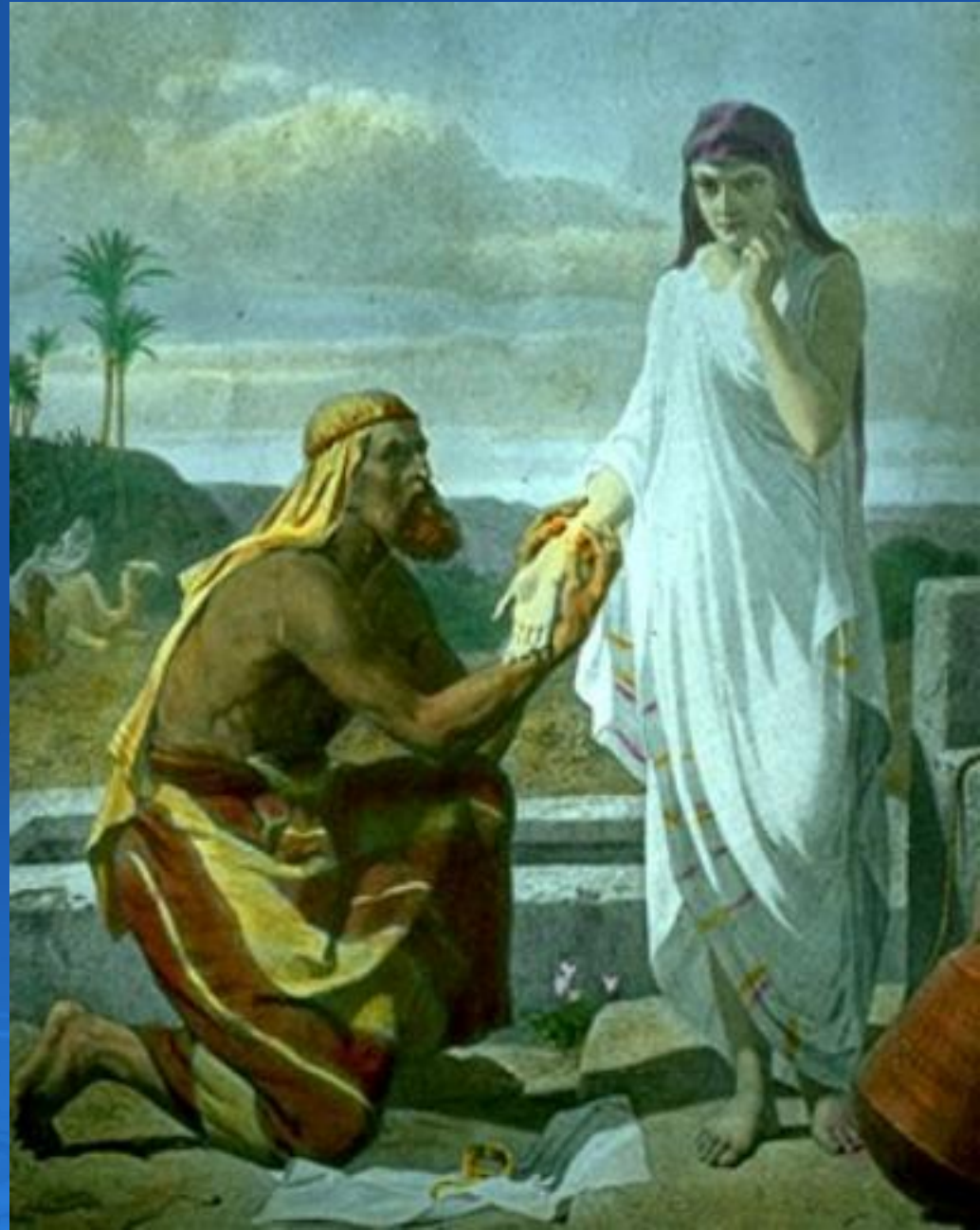
DROMEDARY



CAMEL

ELIEZER SPOTS RIVKA

- Eliezer KNEW he'd find women at the well
- Rivka (Rebecca), daughter of B'tu'el
- B'tu'el was the son of Nahor, so B'tu'el was Abraham's nephew
- Rivka a 2nd cousin to Isaac
- Eliezer gives gifts to Rivka



LABAN



- Eliezer invited to stay with the family
- States his orders and what ensued, partly to ensure Rivka's family that her modesty was honored
- B'tu'el and Laban accept the proposal, recognizing Rivka would marry into wealth
- Laban plays lead role
- B'tu'el must have been too old and feeble

RIVKA LEAVES ACCOMPANIED WITH HER “NURSE”

- Hebrew word used here for nurse is “*meneket*”
- *Meneket* = wet nurse
- Benediction pronounced over Rivka is NOT usual
- Prophetic, exactly in line with the promises of the Abrahamic Covenant



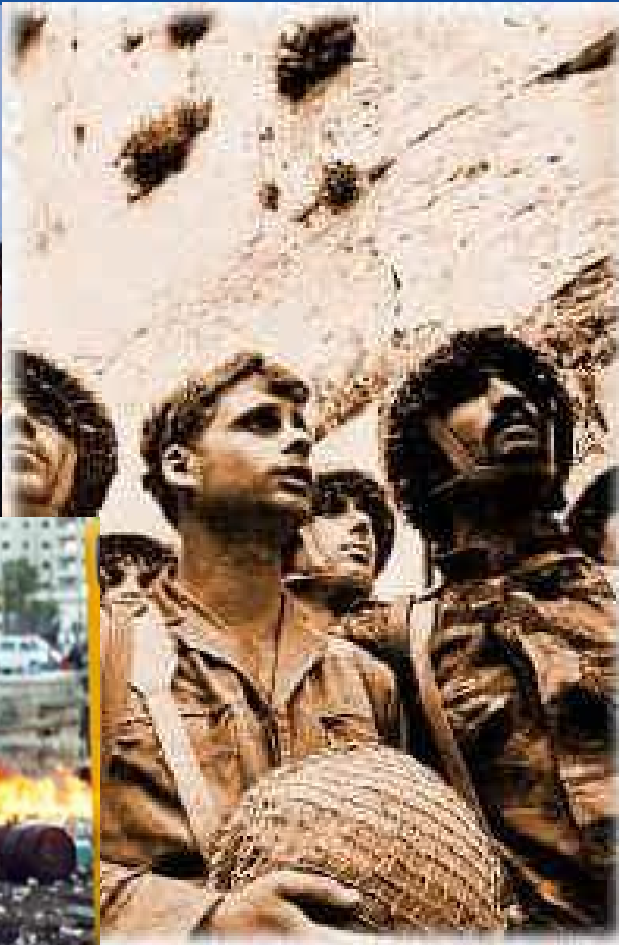
REBECCA'S VEIL



- Rivka veils her face when Isaac is pointed out
- Women of the Middle East of that era did NOT veil their faces in the presence of men!
- This was a wedding veil
- The tradition of the “Bridal Veil” in use in the Western world came from this ancient custom
- Rivka, by veiling her face, let Isaac know that she was the one his father had chosen, and that she consented to be his wife

GENESIS 25

ISRAEL'S RETURN MAKES THESE GENEAOLOGIES MORE IMPORTANT

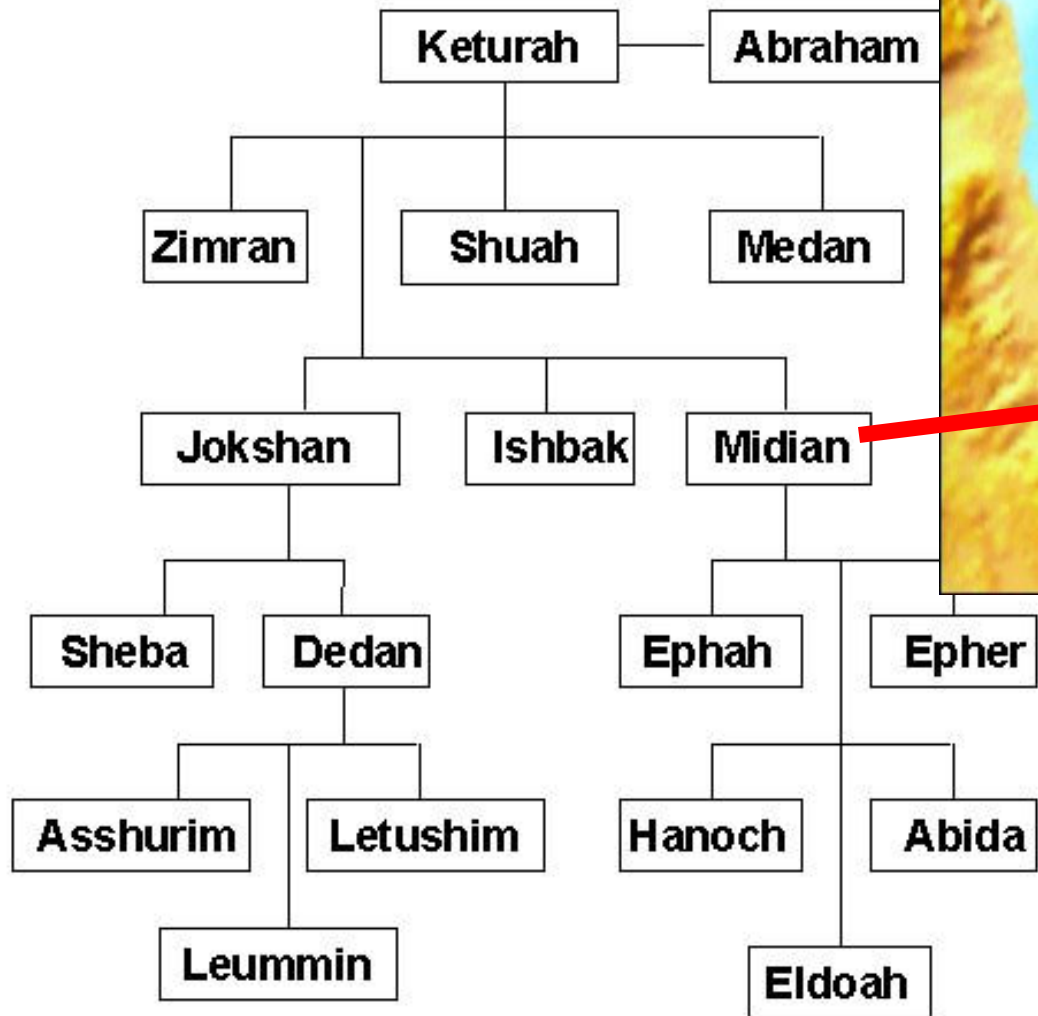


ABRAHAM AND KETURAH



- Keturah, “a wife” of Abraham
- It is not clear whether Keturah was producing children for Abraham before or after Isaac
- Keturah bore 6 sons, plus daughters
- ***Ketoret*** = spices, incense
- Yemen was prime spice producing region

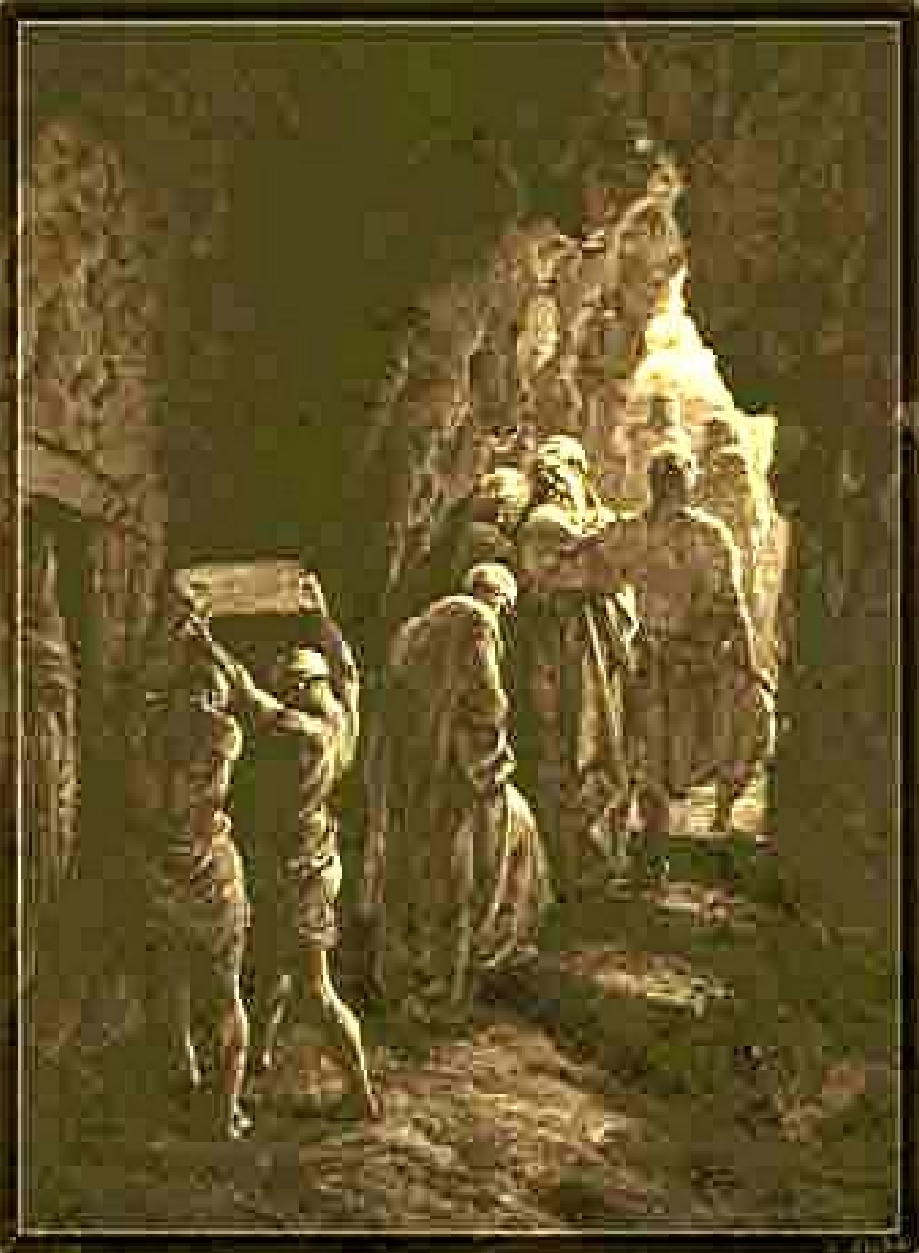
Abraham/Keturah Genealogy (Genesis 25:1-4)



ABRAHAM GIVES ALL TO ISAAC

- Isaac became a very wealthy and powerful man
- Abraham had to divide, elect, and separate Isaac from all his brothers and sisters
- Abraham gave gifts to his other children and sent them away.....to the EAST
- Keturah was a concubine, not a legal “wife” like Sarah
- There would have been no Ketubah (marriage contract) with Keturah
- Concubines were part of the clan, well-respected and well treated.
- Children of concubines had LESS right to power and authority

ABRAHAM DIES



- 175 years old at death
- Buried with Sarah in Cave of Machpelah
- “gathered to his people”
- Implies a reunion with those who came before him
- No mention of “going to Heaven when we die” in the OT
- Is a NT concept
- Ishmael came to meet Isaac and bury their father
- **GOD BLESSED ISAAC!**