

Abraham and Sarah: Are the Foundation Necessary To Move Towards a Broader Based Marriage Covenant

Now that the Elohim have a man and a woman who understand their individual responsibilities in a Marriage Covenant, They are ready to move forward to set the foundation for an Eternal Marriage Covenant. Still a long way to go, but finally a husband and wife team who are faithful to The Word/Yehovah's instructions and obedient to everything they are being told, even if they hesitate from time to time. That is acceptable in some instances in personal relationships.

Abraham and Sarah displayed the outward visible signs in their relationship which confirmed to the Elohim that they could exist in a Oneness relationship with Them. This was a wonderful development toward the Plans ultimate goal. Sarah is credited in scripture for having faith. Abraham is credited as being the father of all faithful, after he outwardly displayed faith in Yehovah/The Word when it came to sacrificing his only begotten son through Sarah, the son of promise. That example will be used for a future fulfillment of the Being we know as The Word/Jesus laying down His life for His beloved creation. Yes, Father will sacrifice His only begotten Son of promise to complete the spiritual equivalent of Abraham's actions. Thus father Abraham and Father Elohim witness to and confirm the importance of the act in the Plan of Salvation and the commitment necessary to assure the goals are met.

Abraham's example in this allowed the Plan to move forward as to that outcome. We will be discussing some other very important patterns in the life of Abraham and Isaac that will also be used to instruct us in future realities of the Father/Son relationship of our Creators.

Let's do a brief account of what qualified Abraham to be called, "Friend of God" and to be called righteous or "lawfully just."

Genesis 26:5 Because Abraham listened to My voice, and heeded My charge, My commands, My statutes, and My laws.

Here we have Yehovah explaining to Isaac, and all who would listen afterwards, that Abraham did not disobey anything. He was completely obedient and faithful. Listened here is #8085 *shama*; to hear intellectually, attentively, carefully. That is

what he did when Yehovah talked to him. He was told to leave everything he had and move to a land he knew not! He was careful to do so. Heeded My charge, commands, statutes, and laws. His *mishmereth* #4931, *mitzvah* #4687, *chuqqah* #2798, and *towrah* #8451. The Elohim list all of these so that no one can claim Abraham missed something important to be kept in his timeline of the Plan. Their relationship of being One as a Creator and a man is simply amazing.

Abraham kept every observance, function, fixed appointed time in creation, and body of laws given to Him. Follow these words through in a word study and see the impact they have for us in our walk to qualify to be the Bride of Christ/Messiah. Just look at the word *statute* here in **Genesis 26:5** as an example. It encompasses:

1. The ordinances of Heaven set by the Elohim at creation (**Jeremiah 33:25**),
2. The ordinances of the times of harvest and rainfall (**Jeremiah 5:24**),
3. The ordinances of all the appointed times of meetings or festivals in the yearly cycle (Passover, **Exodus 12:14**; Unleavened Bread, **Ex 12:17**; Feast of Tabernacles, **Leviticus 23:41**; Atonement, **Leviticus 16:29**).

God said Abraham kept every one of them which He was told to keep, both he and his household. **To be children of Abraham in faith, we are expected to do exactly the same thing.** He understood what the appointed times in nature were, and the appointed times of meeting throughout the year. Which ones did he actually keep? It does not matter! For the Elohim have told us he did whatever was asked of him in a very guarded manner. He was very careful like Abel and not careless like Cain. Abraham was honored greatly by his Friend for doing so. We are expected to do exactly the same contrary to modern Christianity's thinking.

The Plan through Isaac

Pattern of Father Seeking a Bride for His Son from His own kind

Isaac will also be in Covenant with El Shadday as His father was, but first, a qualified bride is sought for Isaac the son of promise, by his father.

Genesis 24:1-4 And Abraham was old, going on in days, and the Lord (Yehovah) had blessed Abraham in all things. And Abraham said to

his slave (Eliezer), the oldest in his house, who had been given authority in all. Please put your hand under my thigh, and I will cause you to swear by the Lord (Yehovah) the God (Elohim) of the Heavens and God (Elohim) of the Earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites (meaning: people who will be subdued into subjection) among whom we dwell. But you shall go to my country and to my kindred and take a wife for my son, for Isaac.

Here we have another very important pattern starting in the life of Abraham and his son which will have a spiritual equivalent to it in the future timeline of the Plan. **Abraham was the one seeking out a bridal candidate for his only begotten son of promise.** He did not do so for Ishmael. **The primary qualifying rule was that she was to be of his kindred, of his place of origin.** That is exactly what Father has and is doing under the terms and conditions of this Second Marriage Covenant we are qualifying under. **For an individual to be considered for marriage to Fathers Son of Promise, the Second Adam, they will have to be after Fathers kind.** That is one of the basic laws and patterns set in creation in Genesis chapter one, which we looked at earlier in this study. It is also very important in our current timeline of the Plan.

All four flesh types have the command to be fruitful and multiply after their own kind. That is the example the Elohim have set as one of Their goals in this creation, so we are not to be ignorant as to Them endeavoring to create beings after Their kind. This was not the case in the first creation, the Angelic creation. This is a course correction from that first attempt which did not come to a satisfactory completion of the desired outcome for all. There was no procreation among the angels as we covered in an earlier section. We on the other hand are created in the image and likeness of the Elohim on a physical plain, with the hope of transitioning to the spiritual.

The Second Adam will be marrying the Second Eve as stated often in this study of the Plan (Rev 19:7-8) and they will become fruitful and multiply spiritually in Fathers household (Jer 3:17-20). This is all detailed in patterns in creation as to why They planned it this way. There is a purpose to everything they do. Mankind

has a very special purpose as to why they were created in the image and likeness of the Elohim, the US of Genesis and John.

Romans 1:19-20 Because the thing known of God (Elohim) is clearly known within them, for God (Elohim) revealed it to them; for the unseen things of Them (Elohim/Godhead) from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things made, both Their eternal power and Godhead, for them to be without excuse.

This is a mystery to most, but should not be to those who have the spirit of God instructing them. It is a very simple premise if we just believe what They tell us. Following the pattern set by Abraham; we witness Father calling or drawing near, a bride for His Son, His only begotten Son of Promise under the terms and conditions of our Second Marriage Covenant.

John 6:37 All that the Father gives to Me will come to Me, and the one (actually) coming to Me, I will in no way cast him out. (We do that ourselves)

John 6:65 And He said, for this reason I have told you that no one is able to come to Me except it is given to him by My Father.

Once again, it is easy to see this pattern in scripture. Christ is in full agreement with Father, that Father will decide who the candidates for His Bride will be in the first part of the process. Tie this in with the pattern started with Abraham in selecting a bride for Isaac and how Abraham sacrificed his only begotten son of promise. These two initial events are benchmarks which will be repeated in patterns in the relationship between the two Elohim, Whom we know in our timeline of the Marriage Covenant as the Father and the Son.

John 17:6 I have revealed Your name (Father) to the men whom You have given Me out of this world. They were Yours (first), You gave them to Me (second), and they have kept Your word.

The entire process is about qualifying. ***Before they were given to Christ as members of His body as His betrothed, they had understood, listened to, and enacted upon the household rules of Father in their lives.*** There is a designated

process in place, which must be followed. Abraham did the same thing, he kept all that the Elohim had instructed him to keep. This is not “*skip to the lou my darling.*” It is intense and requires us to guard what we have been given. We are being offered the tree of life through our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. **On top of that we are being called to undertake the function, the responsibilities that a wife and mother perform in the household.** This knowledge is lost to most for they have not received the call from Father. We will talk about that later in the study.

1 Corinthians 1:9 God (Father) is faithful through whom you were called into the companionship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

We are drawn to, or called to Christ, as a candidate to be part of the Bride by Father. That is the natural order of things or at least should be. We need to be of Father’s kindred first before we can move forward in having a marriage relationship with His Son. Father leads us with His spirit at the onset. He leads us to desire to be baptized as the next step in the process. If we respond favorably, He grants us to be led by His spirit which assists us and strengthens us as we need to overcome all the obstacles which will be thrown in our way by the prince of the power of the air, our adversary the devil. If we reach the point that we are respectful of His household rules of conduct, we are then deemed His children. Lots of people have gotten to that stage but many have been aborted by Satan and his minions. They are turned aside by cunningly devised probings of the minions of the devil. However, if we get to the state of mind of obeying Father’s will, we are actually children of Father, but not yet heirs with Christ.

During that step prior to Baptism, we will have willingly and truthfully repented of our part in the necessity for Him to shed His blood. We are baptized into His death and raised into His life with Father, as a new creation of sorts, still flesh and blood but grafted into Fathers kind with His spirit dwelling in us. Once again, we need to follow through on being baptized into Christ’s death and raised into His life, His body, so that we can in earnest, attempt to show we are going to be faithful to Him in our betrothal. Willingly yielding to Him in everything. When we rise from the watery grave, we behold a magnificent opportunity in which our Fathers spirit will dwell in us and also the spirit of our Savior/Husband as well. We

will need all the assistance we can receive from Them to keep loyal, obedient, and faithful to our calling. Many obstacles are ahead. This is a wonderful pattern spelled out in **John 1:16**

John 1:16 And out of His fullness we all received favor and acceptance, for favor and acceptance are on top of favor and acceptance.

First, we need to receive Father's favor and acceptance (grace) before we can move onto Christ's favor and acceptance. It is two staged. Not all who are called by Father will be willing to endure and pay the cost. **Matthew 22: 1-14** is a recap of the entire Marriage Covenant process for Israel, both First and Second Marriage Covenants. We will cover it in detail later in the study but for now verse 16 confirms this point that just because you are called does not mean you will finish the journey.

Matt 22:16 For many are called, but few chosen.

Christ will do the final choosing as to who will be qualified to spend an eternity with Him as His helpmate in Father's household. It is a careful and detailed process of meeting all the expectations with our own individual gifts being enhanced by Him. He will not be quick to say you are an appropriate bride. He will be watching our works which speak volumes to Him about what is in our heart.

Back to **Genesis 24:4-5**

The Pattern of Rebekah

Gen 24:4-5 And the slave said to him, perhaps the woman will not be willing to go after me to this land; shall I indeed bring back your son into the land where you came out of?

This is a process of personal choice, there is no pulling or dragging to the Marriage Supper in any of it. And, there is no turning back to where we came from. It is all or nothing. It is a very big test of character for the bride to be faithful in. She must be willing to leave all of her family to journey to an unknown land to her and to an unknown family.

Gen 24:6 And Abraham said to him, take heed for yourself that you do not take my son back there.

Satan would have loved that to be the outcome for Isaac to journey back to the place his father had left behind with all its pagan entrapments. There will be lots of trials for everyone along the way. Satan will do everything he is allowed to turn us back to where we came from, started our journey from. One of the primary deceits he uses is taking scripture out of context to convince us there is another way. We will be covering that later, for he has had his minions busy working at that and in fact re-writing the scriptures for a long time.

Please keep in mind the pattern presented here; first, we need to become children of Father before we can be considered to be an acceptable candidate for the second part of our calling. There is ample opportunity to turn back from this journey at any time. We must not do that! Rebekah never looked back and did not stumble en route to her future husband.

Reading on further in this chapter we see that a pleasing candidate is found quickly; based on her clearly visible actions to a stranger, the slave of Abraham. She was willing to serve him and his animals before she served herself. That is very important to the character the Elohim are looking for. Our commitment will be forever and will be tested to the extent They will know we will not walk away from it. It will have many obstacles in the way which are designed to test our resolve and distract us from serving others regardless. We need to be patient and grow in the favor and acceptance extended to us. We are about to read of a patterned behavior facing all who are called to start the journey.

*Genesis 24:55-58 And her brother and her mother said, let the girl stay with us ten days perhaps (or maybe more). Afterwards she may go. (not: will go) And he said to them, do not delay me, for the Lord (Yehovah) *has prospered my way. Send me away that I can go to my master. And they said we will call the girl and ask of her mouth.* (They had not even talked to her on the matter, didn't want her opinion on it, and they tried to make a delay in the decision.) *And they called**

Rebekah and said to her, will you go with the man? And she (immediately) said, I will go.

All who are called to the marriage supper need to be as decisive as Rebekah was. She did not hesitate. Unfortunately, interference by family and friends is the most frequent cause of failure to answer Father's call. He uses His spirit to lead us on the journey to becoming His children. Satan is at the door waiting to pounce. As the prince of the power of the air, he convinces family members to oppose the decision to undertake the journey. Usually with the ploy: "*just don't decide right away, lets all talk about this, lets seek others advice who know about these things.*" The filth of Satan does not miss a dirty little cunning trick. All too often he is successful in creating failure from the start through his willing minions, who want the one being called to reject it, and come back to the comfort of their worldly pagan practices.

Matthew 10: 34-37 *Do not think (for one moment) that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. (Just think, Christianity professes exactly the opposite for the most part) I came to **alienate** a man from his father, and a daughter from her mother; and a daughter-in-law from her mother-in-law. And a man's enemies will be those of his own household. He that loves father and mother over Me is not suitable to Me. And he that loves son or daughter over Me is not suitable to Me.*

That pattern stays the same until the end of the Second Marriage Covenant. He is not instructing us to desert our families. He is making it clear that when Father calls, we need to put that calling above all else. If we are pushed to make a choice by our family members then it must be for Him.

Genesis 24:63-67 *And Isaac had gone out into the field to meditate as it turned to evening. (The Son of the Father did that same thing often) And he lifted up his eyes and looked, and Behold! Camels were coming (10 of them). And Rebekah lifted up her eyes and she saw Isaac. And she quickly dismounted from the camel. (Not a good position to be in when meeting your potential husband, straddled*

over the camel) *And she said to the slave, who is this man who is walking in the field (his father's field) to meet us? And the slave said, it is my master. And she took and wrapped herself (more appropriately). And the slave told Isaac all the things that he had done (no doubt what Rebekah had done as well). And Isaac brought her into the tent of his mother Sarah. And he took Rebekah and she became his wife; and he loved her. And Isaac was comforted after his mother.*

Isaac did not jump the gun and say, “give her to me, what are we waiting for” did he? Oh no, he did not. He knew all about the character of the Canaanite women around him, so he listened to all his slave had to say, and most likely, asked lots of questions before he deemed Rebekah to be an acceptable wife. He was patient in all of this. **Rebekah's character had been established and made evident by her decisions and actions, which are called works.** Just think, she exhibited the same trait that Abraham had. Her faith in leaving everything; all her family and friends, to go to a land and new family she had only just recently heard about. We often have the same thing confront us when first called by Father, at least it is made to feel like that by some family, like we are deserting them for something unknown. Our Savior has a different take on that.

Matthew 19:29 And everyone who left houses, or brothers, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for My names sake shall receive a hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.

That is exactly what Rebekah did! That is exactly what Abraham had done! Isaac was convinced and made the commitment to be her husband in his fathers' household and the Plan will move forward with Rebekah. Her name actually speaks of it, “Secured.” The woman needed for the next step in the Plan has been secured.

The Pattern of Eliezer

Before we move forward in this section, we need to bring to light another pattern which is found here, in the use of Eliezer, and its equivalent in the future for securing the bride of Christ. **Eliezer, when translated correctly in this context,**

means **“Gods helper.”** #410 and #5828 in Strong’s. Abraham sent his slave to help and aid the candidate in her decision process and journey to the Promised Land and the son of promise.

Father does the equivalent in helping and aiding those who He calls to His Son. He uses His spirit to do so, it is the helper which assists us, it is the essence of what He is and composed of. His spirit gives us strength to be able to comprehend and keep His household rules. It also helps us in understanding we were responsible for the only begotten Son of Father having to die on our behalf. No pointing the finger at anyone else like Adam and Eve, and the serpent, for that matter. As we mentioned, this is part 1 of the process. Part 2 of the process starts after baptism and then not only Fathers spirit will dwell in us but also that of our Husband/Savior Jesus Christ. **In part 2 of the process we are not only children of Father, but also co-heirs with Christ, if we qualify to be His eternal helpmate.** John understood all of this and wrote about it often in many aspects.

John 6:7 But I tell you the truth, it is advantageous for you that I should go; for if I do not go away, the helper/aid will not come to you. But if I go, I will send it (#846) to you.

Helper/aid here is #3875 *Parakletos* which means; “called to one’s aid.” It was used in Greek society to designate one who was a legal advocate or one who pleaded another’s cause in a legal matter. **Comforter is a bad translation.** The spirit of God is not a comforter to us, it is a helper to us and aids us in understanding the terms and conditions of our calling. **Most of the Protestant translators use their theological filter here to render #846 autos as “him” when it should be “it.”** We discussed earlier in this study how they often translate this word to make the scriptures conform to their erroneous understanding of things.

John 14:26 But the helper, the spirit holy will be sent by the Father in My name, it shall teach you all things and shall remind you of all things that I said to you.

Once again, these are very simple patterns to understand. We first come under the spirit of Father and under His favor and acceptance. Once we reach the goal set in that phase, we will move on to coming under the spirit of our

Husband/Savior, Jesus Christ, and under His favor and acceptance as well. At that time, we have both Father and Son dwelling in us. That will continue to be the case until we reach the goal of the Marriage Supper. Children of Father and bride of Christ. Our spiritual family.

Matthew 12:47-50** Then one said to Him, behold, your mother and your brothers are standing outside, seeking to speak with You. But answering, He said to the one speaking to Him, who is My mother? And who are My brothers? And stretching out His hands to His disciples, He said, behold, My mother and My brothers! **For whoever shall do the will of My father in Heaven, that one is My brother and sister and mother.

Let there be no mistake, that is what qualifies us to be children of Father and brothers and sisters with Christ. We are obedient to His household rules period! Just like Abraham and Sarah were. They qualified as a married team to move the Plan forward.

At age 175 Abraham died having been preceded in death by his wife Sarah. He was buried by two of his sons, Isaac and Ishmael, in the cave he had purchased to bury Sarah. The Plan will now move forward through the son of Promise, Isaac. **(Genesis 25:7-10)**

Life for Isaac was blessed in many ways but not in the way of children. Rebekah was barren for 20 years and then Isaac petitioned God about this and the Lord (Yehovah) granted him his request. Rebekah gave birth to twins, as to the timing of their births only, not as to visible features or mindsets. As most know the oldest was named Esau and the other Jacob. We will look into those names here in a moment. These two boys were as different as night is from day. **Genesis 25:23** instructs us that two nations would be coming from Rebekah's giving birth here.

Esau whose name should be translated "rough handling" will become the father of one nation which will bear his physical attributes, as well as his mindset. Scripture tells us he was a bit of a whiner as well as someone who was impatient and rash in his actions.

On the other hand, we have Jacob. He was a conniving little fellow at times, and when supported by his mother Rebekah he even deceived his father. Not a good development on Rebekah's part for she should have never put him up to it. That is an affront to her marriage vows. Jacobs name is often said to mean supplanter or "one who grabs the heel." That can be right and somewhat accurate to a point. However, there is a much better translation and application of his name when put into an accurate context. His name is not a mistake. **He is the continuance of the son of promise.** As such he is the descendant of Adam and Eve. **The curse from the garden and the prophesy of it is on him as it applies to the seed to come.**

Genesis 3:15 And I (The Word), will put personal hostility between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed, He will grind your head, and you shall shatter on His heel.

Paul clarifies for us who The Seed will do this through.

Romans 16:20 And the God of peace will shatter Satan under your feet (the second Eve) shortly. The favor and acceptance of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

The Bride of Christ will be doing this very thing when she qualifies to be the Second Eve, the Eternal Helpmate in Fathers household. She is of her Husbands body and her actions and works will defeat Satan and his minions crushing their goal to trip her up and throw her off balance. Jacob is the vehicle, the son of promise through whom the Seed of Promise will come. Two nations through Isaac and Rebekah of which one will be named Israel in time. For now, his name is Jacob or in this context of Genesis; "one who attacks with the heel, or at the heel." Both fit the context.

As most know, difficulties arose in the family and Jacob had to flee to the land of his grandfather Abraham's origin. It is on this journey that he was visited by God.

Genesis 28:13-15 And, behold, the Lord (Yehovah) stood above it and said, I am the Lord (Yehovah) the God (Elohim) of your father Abraham, and the God (Elohim) of Isaac: the land on which you are lying, I will give it to you and to your seed. And you shall be as the dust of the earth, (in number) and you shall spread to the west and to

*the east and to the north and to the south, (of where they were standing) **and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your seed.** (We will have lots to say about this later in the Timeline of the Plan) *And behold, I will be with you and will protect and preserve you in every place in which you may go, and will bring you back to this Land; for I will not forsake you until I have surely done that which I have spoken to you.* (Notice the Caveat?)*

Here we have Jacob on his journey, to complete the pattern set by Abraham in Isaac as to who would be an acceptable bride for him but only from his kindred, his kind. **This is a pattern set at creation and being extended now to depict who one can marry based on religious and behavioral practices.** Canaanites were filthy in both.

***Genesis 28:6** And Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob, and had sent him away to Padan-aram to take a wife for himself from there. In his blessing he had commanded him saying, you shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan.*

Please do not let this go unnoticed. Jacob had to marry from Abraham and Isaac's kindred. This is a law which will follow the three of them into the next big step in the Plan of Salvation, that pertaining to the Nation of Israel. Israel, will not be allowed to marry any Gentile. On the other hand, Esau could not wait to trouble his father and mother by doing so with the first two Canaanite wives and then down the road try to make it right by marrying a daughter of Ishmael. Two nations, two completely different directions.

As Moses told us earlier Jacob would know God in Covenant as God Almighty (El Shadday). Yehovah/The Word reiterated that name in His Covenant promises to Jacob in that He will protect and preserve him. Time moves on and we find Jacob working in servitude to Laban (name means "white" as in a descendant of Shem) for his two daughters. Lots of stuff could be said here about the events during that time but what is important as it pertains to the Plan is that Jacob ended up with 12 sons through two wives and two concubines. His wives' names were Rachel (a traveling ewe), Leah (tired and weary). His concubines' names were

Bilhah (timid) and Zilpah (drop or dripping). One can do an interesting study of the sons for characteristics relative to their mother's names.

Now we will move on to the next defining moment in the Timeline of the Plan relevant to Jacob and Yehovah.

***Genesis 32:27-28** And He (Yehovah/The Word/El) said to him, what is your name? And he said, Jacob. And He said, your name no longer shall be called Jacob, but Israel, because you have persevered with God (Elohim) and with men and have been able to endure.*

Jacob was not a quitter! He had a determined streak in him when dealing with men and with God. So, Isaac returned to Canaan and dwelt near Shechem.

***Genesis 33:19-20** And he bought that part of the field where he had stretched his tent, from the hand of the sons of Hamor, the father of Shechem, for a hundred weighed out pieces of money. And he set up an altar there. And he called it, El of the Elohim of Israel.*

The Family Pattern of Tithes and Offerings

So why was he building this altar, for what purpose?

***Genesis 31:13** I am the God (El) of Bethel (House of El), where you anointed the memorial stone, where you vowed a vow to Me. Now rise up; go out of this land and go back to the land of your kindred.*

So, what had happened there that is relative to him setting up an altar to El outside of Shechem on his own land?

***Genesis 28:19-22** And he called the name of that place, Bethel, yet Luz (almond tree) was the prior name of the city. And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, if God (Elohim) is with me and keeps me in this way which I am going, and gives me bread to eat, and clothing to wear, and I return in peace to the house of my father, then the Lord (Yehovah) shall be my God (Elohim), and this stone which I have placed as a memorial location shall become the house of God*

(Elohim); *and all which you shall give to me, I will tithe the tenth to you.*

So, what did his “tithes of all” consist of? The very same pattern of offerings recorded in the Levitical Laws to come later: from the flocks and herds, and from the fields he harvested. The offerings needed an altar to offer them on. That is, a tenth from all of his increase. This is nothing new. He is just following the household example of Abraham and his father Isaac. Scripture instructs us that Abraham gave a tithe of his increase to God in Genesis 14:18-20. This was important to the family of Abraham and will become a statute in their future growth. So here we read that Jacob picked up this statute in his relationship with God (The Word/Yehovah/El/El Shadday/Adonay Yehovih). This event between Jacob and Yehovah is so important scripture records it for us again

Genesis 35:1-13 *And God (Elohim) said to Jacob, rise up, go to Bethel (House of El) and live there. And make an altar to God (El) there, who appeared to you when you fled before your brother Esau. And Jacob said to his house, and all those with him (There will always be a presence of a mixed multitude with Israel) put away the strange gods (elohim) which are in your midst, and purify yourselves and change your clothing (Israel does this same thing in the future at Mt Sinai which we will discuss later in the Timeline). And let us rise up and go up to Bethel. And I will make an altar there to God (El), who answered me in the day of my distress. And He was with me in the way in which I went. And they gave all the strange gods (elohim) in their hands to Jacob, and the earrings which were in their ears. And Jacob hid them under the oak which was in Shechem. (These folks were not on the same page as Jacob had been. He had not extended the rules to his household yet. This will become a recurring pattern in Israel) And they pulled up and went, and the terror of God (Elohim) was on the cities that were around them. They did not pursue the sons of Jacob. And Jacob came to Luz, which is in the land of Canaan, it being Bethel; he and all the people with him. And he built an altar there and called the place; The El of Bethel; because God (Elohim) revealed*

*Himself to him there when he fled from his brother. And Rebekah's nurse Deborah (orderly motion) died, and was buried below Bethel under the oak. And he called its name, Oak of Weeping. And God (Elohim) appeared to Jacob again when he came out of Padan-aram; and blessed him. And God (Elohim) said to him, your name is Jacob; your name shall not be called Jacob any more, but Israel shall be your name. And He called his name Israel. And God (Elohim) said to him, I am God (El) Almighty (Shadday). **Be fruitful and multiply.** (A command imbedded into the participants in the Plan) *A nation and a company of nations shall be from your loins. And the land which I gave to Abraham and to Isaac, I will give to you. And I will give the land to your seed after you. And God (Elohim) went up from him in the place where He had spoken to him.**

Genesis 35:28-29 *And the days of Isaac were one hundred and eighty years. And Isaac expired and died, and was gathered to his people, old and satisfied of days. And his sons, Esau and Jacob, buried him.*

We will be moving on now to the history of many of the patterns necessary to the expansion and the completion of the Plan through Israel. **We will see the Covenant expand to the 12 tribes of Israel and it will take on a different Covenant name for the God Being who has been interacting with man from the Garden of Eden. Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob knew Him in Covenant as El Shadday, God Almighty.** We covered that earlier but it is necessary to bring it to memory as we move to the First Marriage Covenant with the Nation of Israel.
