Bible Study 90

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 “The Women of the Bible” (continued)

Moving on from Eve, the mother of all humankind, we have to note that the human condition is blamed on the Fall of Adam and Eve. The couple are driven out of the garden of Eden and the Garden is sealed and forever. Now mankind must labor for food; build shelters; face hostile animals and predators; give birth in pain. Most of all, they will face death.

Cain complains to God that now he is cursed and others will try to kill him. Who are these others if Adam and eve are the original couple?

“Cain knew his wife and she conceived and bore Enoch!”----Where did she come from?

There is no mention of women in all of the story of Noah in Chapter 6 & 7 & 8. Chapter 9 talks of Noah’s sons but not his daughters or wife.

“9:28-29. And Noah lived after the Flood three hundred and fifty years. So all the days of Noah’s life wee nine hundred and fifty years and he died.”

True? Chapters 10, 11, are a long line of genealogies. True? How could anyone possibly know/

Chapter 12 introduced us to ABRAM. “And Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his brother’s son.” The Abraham saga is based on God’s, Yahweh,-- Covenant with Abraham. He promises to make him the Father of a Great Nation.---

The other side of the story is that Sarai gives birth while she is quite old. This seems like a pattern in Jewish thinking that a miracle needs to occur for God’s plan to succeed. Sarah bearing a child at 90 years old 17:17f. seems more than a little cruel. Then you have the whole matter of the three visitors and the prediction that Sarah will have a son.

Sarah dies aged 127 in Canaan.