Romans 18 - Abraham or Nimrod: Faith or Works

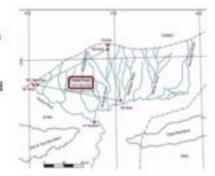
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Prologue: Noah Found Grace

- Noah's name {Rest} demonstrates Christ's salvation 04t 11,280
 - Noah and sons believed God, built an ark and survived the Cataclysm that remade the world 040 11/2, 170 3/18/209
 - O God's command to Noah: Multiply and fill the earth to 91.79
 - After Noah's drunkenness he prophesized about his sons from which Nimrod rebelled; but Abram believed (04.9.26.27)

Nimrod - Rebellious Man

- Noah prophesized Canaan, son of Ham, would be slaves to Japheth and Shem
 - Nimrod rebelled against this forcing Japheth's and Shem's descendants to bow to him as ruler-god
 - Babel was his palace complex to control cities



Multiply and Spread Out

- Nimrod disobeyed God's command to fill the earth
 - As <u>chief</u> profaner and mightiest of men he revived Cain's worship-government system centered on him*
 - Ziggurat was for his ascension (Ascending Sacrifice) over everyone placing himself between people and God
 - God installed different languages onto Japheth's and Shem's people forcing compliance with commandment

Abraham Was Compliant

- Abraham obeyed God's commandment to go forth to eventually possess <u>Canaan</u>; fulfill Noah's prophecy
- Nimrod produced only earthly descendants; but Abraham produced earthly and heavenly descendants
- God of Shem blesses Abraham's heavenly seed; i.e., believing Jews and Gentiles {Japheth and Ham}

Comparison: Nimrod-Abraham

Satan's Seed - Nimrod Christ's Seed - Abraham Born to slavery Freed from slavery Proud, boastful over men Humble, Lot choose way Worship of self as god Worship of God over self Babel: Monument to self Canaan: Gift from God Result: Confusion of sin Result: Escape from sin

Two Lineages of Abraham (0.83959, Cu. 421-31)

Earthly Seed - Slavery Heavenly Seed - Freed

- Unbelieving Jews
 Believing Jews-Gentiles
- True Father: Devil
 True Father: God
- Lived by Works
 Lived by Faith of/in God
- Judged by works
 Self-judged: Repentance
- No eternal rest
 Eternal rest in Christ

When Did Abraham Receive Faith?

- Herein is how Paul proposed God answered the question for eternal
 - If Abraham eamed salvation, commendation from God for keeping the Moral Law, then he did not need Christ; this was the Judaizers position: then and now
 - Abraham received salvation when he believed God would give him descendants as the galaxies; i.e., saw Christ's day {Time of His visitation} ™ 15556 14 194144 30 836589

Contradiction of Law Defense

- Paul saw earning salvation from God by keeping the civil/ceremonial Law as wages due; not as grace
- Judaizers ignored Moral Law, focusing on law issues which would result anyway from keeping Moral Law 06/28/23/28
 - They conflated ceremonial aspects of the Law, to ignore the Moral Law; being born in sin meant Moral Law already condemned them: Present at conception (Pt 51:5, 16:17)

Acknowledgement of Sin

- Belief, faith and trust, in God begins with recognition and self-judgment that one's sin violated God's righteousness (% 108-13, 2Co 7,00)
 - Overawed when confronted with the majesty of God which He would share with Abraham via Christ, Abraham repented, believed, was saved (00) 315-160
 - Judaizers followed path of Nimrod: proud, cruel, slaves; contemptuous of sinners who appeared beneath them

Not a New Concept

- Paul quotes David proving he is not teachings a new, man-made concept but an ancient teaching of the Bible
 - David sings of those whose sins God covered and forgave (Violations of Moral Law)
 - Blessed is the person whose works God does not count against him, her @c2011-19
 - They will not see second death: eternal separation of God

Another Judaizer Contradiction

- Paul highlights another contradiction in the Judaizers' argument against Gentile conversion apart from Law.
 Was Abraham justified by Law (Judaizer)?
 - Problem: Ceremonial/Civil Law and enumerated Moral Law would not exist until 430 years after Abraham
 - Therefore: Judaizers' laws had no hold over Abraham nullifying Judaizer's arguments
 - Christ was correct: Abraham was <u>not</u> their father @ 840

Conclusion Judaizers Missed

- O If Abraham lived 430 before any of the Laws then this also meant that Abraham was not a Jew for they did not exist until they accepted and agreed to live under Christ's theocracy (0x 24:141)
 - Abraham was a non-Jew
 - Sign of God's Covenant with Abraham and his earthly people, circumcision, was not given until later (Co. 17.010-14)

Summarizing Judaizer's Logic

- They believed Abraham was their father according to circumcision, Jewishness and the Laws
 - Since Abraham was declared righteous by God they also must be righteous for keeping the Laws and their piety
 - These were the criteria by which they judged others, including Christ, as unworthy of God
 - Since Bible did not support their argument, they developed their traditions: Talmud, Midrash, Mishnah

Basis of Christ's Condemnation

- Christ used this same logic against them in His "Woe" speech against Sadducees, Pharisees, and Scribes
- Paul, taught by the risen Lord, would also use the same logic since it left the Judaizers with no legitimacy
 - Unmasked, their hypocrisy was exposed for all to recognize, including themselves should they wish to repent

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Epilogue: Lethal Contradictions

- Lethal Contradictions negating Judaizers justification of self-made righteousness by works of Law
 - Abraham righteous because he kept the laws
 - Abraham justified because he was circumcised
 - Abraham faithful because he was a Jew
- Abraham was none of those when God declared Him righteous by faith alone

Ugly Face of Cultural Nomism

- Judaizers could not use the Scriptures to justify their beliefs 04.749
 - Developed body of oral tradition which they predated back to when Moses received written Torah at Horeb
 - This legitimized, in their eyes, the weight of traditions
 - They elevated their traditions over Scriptures saying God gave the 70 elders His oral word, which was better

Cultural Nomism Today

- Traditions, oral and written, exist today in Christendom with the same goals: justification of works apart from repentance and faith (6.44.4)
 - Liturgical religions determine salvation by keeping of church dogmas
 - Evangelical religions determine salvation by keeping vain philosophies and scientisms of the world
 - Pietism uses government, forcing a false morality

Do You Live by Faith

- Paul began his discussion with, "Just shall live by faith" because Abraham lived by faith (%) 136-170
 - Habakkuk penned this realization when God challenged his pietistic unbelief 0160 2:140
- This is the sin of every born from above believer
 - This chaotic, illogical and sinful worldview God seeks to remove via trials and tribulations: True Saving Faith