

Resurrection – Living Illustrations

I. ABRAHAM – [Heb. 11:9,10, 13](#)

- To live in a tent in Abraham's day was to invite disaster – it was not safe.
- Smart people, at that time, built walls around their houses.
- All that Abraham had for protection was the cloth or skins of his tent.
- Abraham lived in Ur of the Chaldeans which was a most modern city, in fact one of the most modern.
- Why did Abraham do this? He was a rich man. Answer: His trust in the Lord made the difference in his life.
- He died in a tent knowing that God who had promised him a city would deliver.
- He knew he would receive it in resurrection, SO resurrection was most important to him. [Heb. 11:10](#) reveal His faith, confidence and trust in God – *“for He was looking for a city which has foundations whose architect and builder is God.”*
- Also note that Abraham had a “NAG” (that is not a horse). Her name was Sari, which is the name “nagger.” The name Sarah means Princess – not Sari. (He may have even thought of a name that rhymes with “RICH”. SO MUCH FOR THAT!!!)

II. ISAAC also understood RESURRECTION – [Heb. 11:17-19](#). Isaac was the fulfillment of the promise of [Gen. 12:2](#) *“In Isaac, Abraham's seed, shall all the nations be blessed.”* Through Isaac was to be multiplied into a great nation. Yet in [Gen. 22](#), God ordered Abraham to sacrifice Isaac – Here Abraham had faith in resurrection and in [Heb. 11:17-19](#), he put Isaac on the altar knowing that God would raise him from the dead. The Resurrection was vital of Abraham.

III. JOB KNEW ABOUT THE RESURRECTION – [Job 19:26](#) *“I know that my Redeemer liveth and He shall stand in the latter days”* (Second Advent) *“and even the skin worms shall destroy this body, yet in my flesh (Resurrection) I shall see God.”*

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IV. JOSEPH UNDERSTOOD THE RESURRECTION – [Heb. 11:22](#)

- His life was characterized by Resting in Faith (RTF).
- In the Grace Abounding Life (GAL), God prospered Joseph.
- When it came time for him to die, he commanded that he not be buried in Egypt –WHY? When resurrection came, he wanted to be standing by his great grandfather, Abraham, by his grandfather Isaac, and by his father Jacob and in the resurrection, he will stand with them because he refused to be buried in Egypt. Read [Gen. 50:22-26](#). The Jews were slaves in Egypt for 400 years and they wagged that coffin with the bones of Joseph and their hope of getting out of slavery. It was not until the Jews entered the land that the coffin of Joseph was put in the ground. Joseph demonstrates the importance of the resurrection. The Coffin is mentioned in [Gen. 50:24-26](#); [Ex. 13:19](#)
- The coffin was put to rest as revealed in [Joshua 24:32](#).

V. (and VI.) TWO BOYS WHO DIED AND WERE BROUGHT TO LIFE BY ELIJAH AND ELISHA. [I KINGS 17:17-23](#) Son of the widow of Zarephath. [II KINGS 4:18-36](#), son of the Shunammite woman.

- These two incidents are exactly parallel – In each case a boy died. In each case a Prophet (Elijah and Elisha) identified himself with the boy by stretching himself out over the dead lad – WHY? Because these prophets understood the concept of the resurrection! They understood the principle of a dead person being associated with a live person.

[Ephesians 1:20](#) (literally) *“Which power the Holy Spirit had been operational in Christ having raised him out from the dead and having seated Him at the right hand of Him in the heavens.”* The verb for “seated Him” is an AAP of *kathizo* – καθίζω “SET” – This refers to the Ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ and His Session at God’s right hand.