



Out of deception

How could Gods path and plans be found in deception? This story is really crazy. Abram is old. So is his wife Sari. Interesting enough, God changes both of their names in old age. This is a double course correction. Sari is renamed Sarah. Sari means Princess. Sarah means something greater like noblewoman. This woman will literally have the child that will spawn a direct line to Jesus. That is indeed a noble cause and title. He changes Abram to Abraham too: Father of nations.

So, where's the deception? Well, Sarah has had enough of waiting for God to give her a son like he promised. She devises a plan to have Abraham sleep with the hand-maid. God is not deceived or fooled. Finally, Sarah does indeed have a boy named Isaac. I said that God provides a path. Abraham came from a nomadic people who practiced child sacrifices. Abraham did not really know God. The Lord needed to bust a few traditions from Abrahams past life. He challenges Abraham to sacrifice Isaac. As the knife came down, God stopped him and provided a ram instead.

Some paths take weird turns. Isaac has his servant go to the extended family and find him a wife. This wife turns out to be Rebekah. She has a brother named Laban (hold that thought). Rebekah is barren. God opens her womb and she has twins: Jacob and Esau. They are not best of friends. Jacob is deceiving. It's in the family tree. He cheats the birthright from his brother. Then he does it again by

gaining the blessing of Isaac through deception. Esau is furious. So, Jacob flees to Rebekah's brother Laban's house. This brother is ten times more deceptive than Isaac. This is the path of deception.

Laban cons Jacob into marrying both his daughters. Jacob cons Laban out of his flocks. Then both daughters try and deceive each other by forcing their husband Jacob to sleep with the maids. Seriously, God used this path to get to Jesus? In the end, the offspring of Jacob deceived their father in the fake death of his beloved Son. This son Joseph deceived the brothers to bring Jacob to Egypt. Even in the end, the Brothers deceived Joseph one last time lying about their father's last request. It's nuts. This Path was played out by God and recognized by Joseph on his deathbed.

Genesis 50:24 "Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die. But God will surely come to your aid and take you up out of this land to the land he promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob."

That is one crazy path to spawn a savior. How could God allow a deception path to gain Jesus thousands of years later? I think it's two paths that come together. God says that a path has been laid through Abraham's seed to birth Jesus in the centuries to come. God held that promise. I believe that promise is even stronger because it went against God's principles. This line to Jesus deceived so many to make the lineage to Jesus happen. It is not the way God would do it, but it is the way people get what they want. Two paths that finally come together in a little town of Bethlehem. Jesus is born. Ironically Abraham did not sacrifice his son but God did. His only Son Jesus is sacrificed for all of us. What a path!!