

~ELIEZER 1 (59)

(E-li-e'zer) [My God Is Helper]

- A man of Damascus and the apparent heir of childless Abraham. Abraham referred to him as **a son of my household**.
- At this Abram said; Sovereign Lord Yehowah, what will you give me, seeing that I am going childless and the one who will possess my house is a man of Damascus, **Eliezer**? (**Genesis 15:2**)
- And Abram added; Look! You have given me no seed, and, look! A son of my household is succeeding me as heir. (**Genesis 15:3**)
- Archaeological discoveries, such as the tablets from Nuzi, shed light on why Abraham considered **Eliezer** his heir. **Often childless couples adopted a son who would then care for them in old age and arrange for their burial at death, thereupon inheriting the property.**
- It was stipulated, however, that, in the event a son was born to them after the adoption, the real son would become the principal heir.
- Likely **Eliezer** was the one spoken of as Abraham's oldest servant and manager of his household, who was sent by Abraham to Nahor's household in upper Mesopotamia to bring back a wife for Isaac. Like his master Abraham, **Eliezer** looked to Yehowah for guidance and recognized His leading.
- Hence Abraham said to his servant, the oldest one of his household, who was managing all he had; Put your hand, please, under my thigh. (**Genesis 24:2**)
- But you will go to my country and to my relatives, and you will certainly take a wife for my son, for Isaac. (**Genesis 24:4**)
- And he went on to say; Yehowah the God of my master Abraham, cause it to happen, please, before me this day and perform loving-kindness with my master Abraham. (**Genesis 24:12**)
- Here I am stationed at a fountain of water, and the daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water. (**Genesis 24:13**)

- **What must occur is that the young woman to whom I shall say; Let your water jar down, please, that I may take a drink, and who will indeed say; Take a drink, and I shall also water your camels, this is the one you must assign to your servant, to Isaac, and by this let me know that you have performed loyal love with my master. ([Genesis 24:14](#))**
- **But he said to them; Do not detain me, seeing that Yehowah has given success to my way. Send me off, that I may go to my master. ([Genesis 24:56](#))**