

Eliezer Discussion

Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable.

What seems to be the difference between slavery in Abram's day and our day?

Do you suppose that slaves observed and critiqued their master's behavior?

Would it have been difficult for a slave to respect a master who had moral failings?

What actions of Abram would have been likely to make a big impression on a slave?

If a flaming torch were visible to Eliezer, what impression would it have made on him?

What must Eliezer have thought when he heard that he was the presumptive heir?

What strikes you about God waiting for the Amorites "to become so wicked that they must be punished"?

How does this relate to the conflict regarding the present-day Israel having taken the land of the Palestinians?

Why do you think Sarai proposed producing a child through Hagar?

Why did Abram agree?

What were the short and long-term effects?

Why do you suppose that God chose circumcision to be the sign of the covenant?

Who were the "men" who made the prophecy to Abraham and Sarah of Isaac's birth?

Why did they act as if they may or may not tell Abraham about Sodom's destruction?

What did that announcement draw out of Abraham?

Why did only two of the visitors enter the city?

What do you make of the present day GLBTQ argument that the sin was lack of hospitality?

What do you make of the statement that the group that came with their demand for access to the visitors included men of all ages?

What could have Lot been thinking when he offered them his daughters?

Lot's wife "looked back, and she became a pillar of salt." Does that likely mean more than just turning her head?

What do the actions of the daughters say about the training they got in their family?

How could Lot be described in 2 Peter as a "righteous man"?

Imagine being a slave and seeing your master about to kill his only son as a sacrifice. What would you be thinking?

How did finding a wife for Isaac affect Eliezer?

Is it reasonable to suppose that he became a believer?