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The famine in Canaan was very serious. Abram has been migrating south to Egypt to stay there temporarily.

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1. Lost the opportunity to preach the gospel: As can be seen from verse 16, Abram made a fortune in Egypt, but this great fortune was traded with his wife's "extreme beauty" and "taken into the pharaoh's palace". The Bible declares that the husband "connects with his wife, and the two become one." (2:24) Therefore, sacred marriage does not allow at all defilement and trampling. Thank God, "The Lord has caused a catastrophe with Pharaoh and his whole family because of Sarai, Abram's wife" (17), and stopped Sarai from being occupied by Pharaoh in time, so that Abram could avoid the pain of losing his wife

2. Lost the opportunity to testify to God. It should be admitted that half of Abram's relationship with Sarai in front of Pharaoh was true, because Sarai was indeed his half-sister (see 20:12). Abram dares not lie, but he refuses to give up this half-truth and half-false fact. This seems smart in people's eyes, but it is deceitful in the eyes of God. The Bible reminds us many times: "The height should be flattened, and the winding should be straightened." The result of wisdom is to bind yourself with a cocoon. If it weren't for God's salvation, the consequences would be unimaginable. It should be known that the path of faith is completely entrusted to Christ, pursuing holiness in his grace, and there must be no adulteration at all.

Abram went down to Egypt without prayer with a fluke, and lived there with fear, and left Egypt with a humiliating heart. This is the ultimate of a person who does not believe in God and does not seek God's will and act according to his own will! Those who don't understand God's will will encounter walls everywhere and sing on all sides.

Relatively speaking, the chronicles of previous dynasties pay more attention to each leader's own relationship with God. At the same time, he also focuses on David's royal family. Therefore, the chronicles of all dynasties have recorded historical materials that have not been recorded by Wang Ji.

Compared with The Chronicles of Kings, Chronicles of the Past Dynasties cut part of the disgraceful history of the David family. For example, the lewdness of David and Bathsheba and the murder of Uriah; the Absalom rebellion in the Book of Samuel as a consequence of David's crime; the battle for the throne undercurrent of David's later years, recorded in Chapter 1-2, was also disappeared in the Chronicles of All Dynasties; although David recorded several points of Israel. Compared with Zah 24:1, the Chronicles of All Dynasties attribute this reason to "Satan rose up against Israel" (generation 21:1), but later the disaster was alleviated because David trusted in God.

Manasseh, king of Judah and son of king of Hezekiah, may have been born after Hezekiah fell ill. The king has been in power for the longest time in Judah's history (55 years), but he is the worst king. His evil deeds led to the abduction of later Jews and the destruction of Jerusalem. But his repentance and release have important spiritual inspiration for us. King Manasseh repented in suffering and was released and returned to the throne. Only then did he know that "the Lord is God." His experience was a spiritual experience for the later abducted Jews. Today, tangible and invisible idols fill the world and occupy people's hearts. If you want to sincerely repent, you must eliminate the root causes and give up vested interests. It's not easy to do!