

Genesis 22

King James Version (KJV)

22 And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am. (tempt = to test, to prove - better translation; it was a test of Abraham's loyalty)

² And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of. (Moriah = chosen of God)

(In the previous chapter, God promised Abraham that through Isaac, his progeny of uncountable numbers would come. Abraham knew this, and trusted God, that Isaac would not be harmed)

NOTE: (Moriah is one of the 4 peaks on the same mountain <Mt Zion> that Golgotha was on – where Jesus was later crucified. God spared Isaac, but He didn't spare Himself, as Jesus)

³ And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.

⁴ Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off. (This will serve as a type for the crucifixion. Jesus was in the tomb 3.5 days after He was crucified)

⁵ And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you. (He had faith that God would not ask him to sacrifice Isaac, and that they both would return)

⁶ And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together.

⁷ And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering? (Good question)

⁸ And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together. (Abraham knew that God provides. He had unwavering faith in God)

NOTE: (1900 years later, Jesus would be the sacrifice on this same mountain, on another of its peaks. That peak would be later called Golgotha <Greek> and then Calvary <Latin>)

⁹ And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood.

¹⁰ And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. (He obeyed God right to the end)

¹¹ And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I. (This is God, in angelic form)

¹² And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me. (Fear = revere – they are the same word in Hebrew)

¹³ And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son. (Abraham knew that God would keep His promise of Isaac and his descendants. Therefore, he knew that Isaac was never in any danger of dying)

¹⁴ And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovahjireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen. (Yahoveh-jireh = God will provide <in the Hebrew>; God's name is Yahoveh, not Jehovah. This is a bad English translation)

¹⁵ And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time,

¹⁶ And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: (God took an oath in His own name)

¹⁷ That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; (Isaac's son Jacob would father the 12 tribes. They would later migrate over the Caucasus Mountains and become known as Caucasians. They settled Western Europe and later, North America)

¹⁸ And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice. (They will be blessed, because Jesus would come through this progeny. All people who believe and follow the Word of Jesus will be blessed and have eternal life in the Third Age)

¹⁹ So Abraham returned unto his young men, and they rose up and went together to Beersheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beersheba. (This might be the same well that Hagar found when Abraham sent her away with her son, Ishmael. This area was inhabited by Canaanite tribes)

²⁰ And it came to pass after these things, that it was told Abraham, saying, Behold, Milcah, she hath also born children unto thy brother Nahor; (God didn't want Canaanites in the blood line that would bring Jesus. The Canaanites had mixed with the fallen angels. They also practiced idol worship and human sacrifice)

²¹ Huz his firstborn, and Buz his brother, and Kemuel the father of Aram,

²² And Chesed, and Hazo, and Pildash, and Jidlaph, and Bethuel.

²³ And Bethuel begat Rebekah: these eight Milcah did bear to Nahor, Abraham's brother. (This Rebekah was the daughter of Abraham's nephew. She would become Isaac's wife)

²⁴ And his concubine, whose name was Reumah, she bare also Tebah, and Gaham, and Thahash, and Maachah.