



# "THUS SAITH THE LORD..."

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## Abraham Told Isaac, "God Will Provide A Lamb"

(Genesis 20, 21, 22)

Abraham was now living in Gerar. God was permitting Abraham to be tested again. Would Abraham trust in God or his own way of thinking? Unfortunately he chose his own way again for he told King Abimelech, "Sarah is my sister," just as he told Pharaoh years ago. And the king took Sarah away.

But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night, and said to him, "Behold, you are a dead man because the woman you took is a man's wife." But Abimelech did this innocently. And God said, "Yes, I know that you did this innocently for I also withheld thee from sinning against me, therefore do not touch her and give her back."

And Abimelech talked with Abraham and said, "Why did you do this?" And Abraham said, "Because I thought the fear of God was not in this place, and that you would kill us. But she is my sister. She is the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife."

And Abimelech said, "Go and live wherever you want." Abraham prayed to God and God healed Abimelech, and his wife, and his maidservants; and they were able to have children.

Now soon Sarah conceived and gave birth at the time God said that she would. And Abraham called his son Isaac. And Abraham was an hundred years old.

Now Sarah saw Ishmael mocking. And Sarah said to Abraham, "Send away Ishmael and his mother Hagar, which also gave birth to a son of Abraham. And God said unto Abraham, "Let it not be a hard thing to do because he is your son because in Isaac shall thy seed be called. And from Ishmael I will make a nation."

And when Isaac grew to a young lad, God said to Abraham, "Abraham!" And Abraham said, "Here I am." And God said, "Take now your son Isaac, whom you love very much, and go to the land of Moriah. There, offer him as a sacrifice on one of the mountains, which I will tell you then."

And Abraham rose up early in the morning, saddled his ass, took two of his young men with him, Isaac his son, the wood for the burnt offering, and headed out. On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place. And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the ass. I and the lad will go over there and worship and then come back to you."

Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on Isaac his son and took the fire in his hand, and a knife. And on the way, Isaac asked his father, "We have the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide Himself a lamb for a burnt offering."

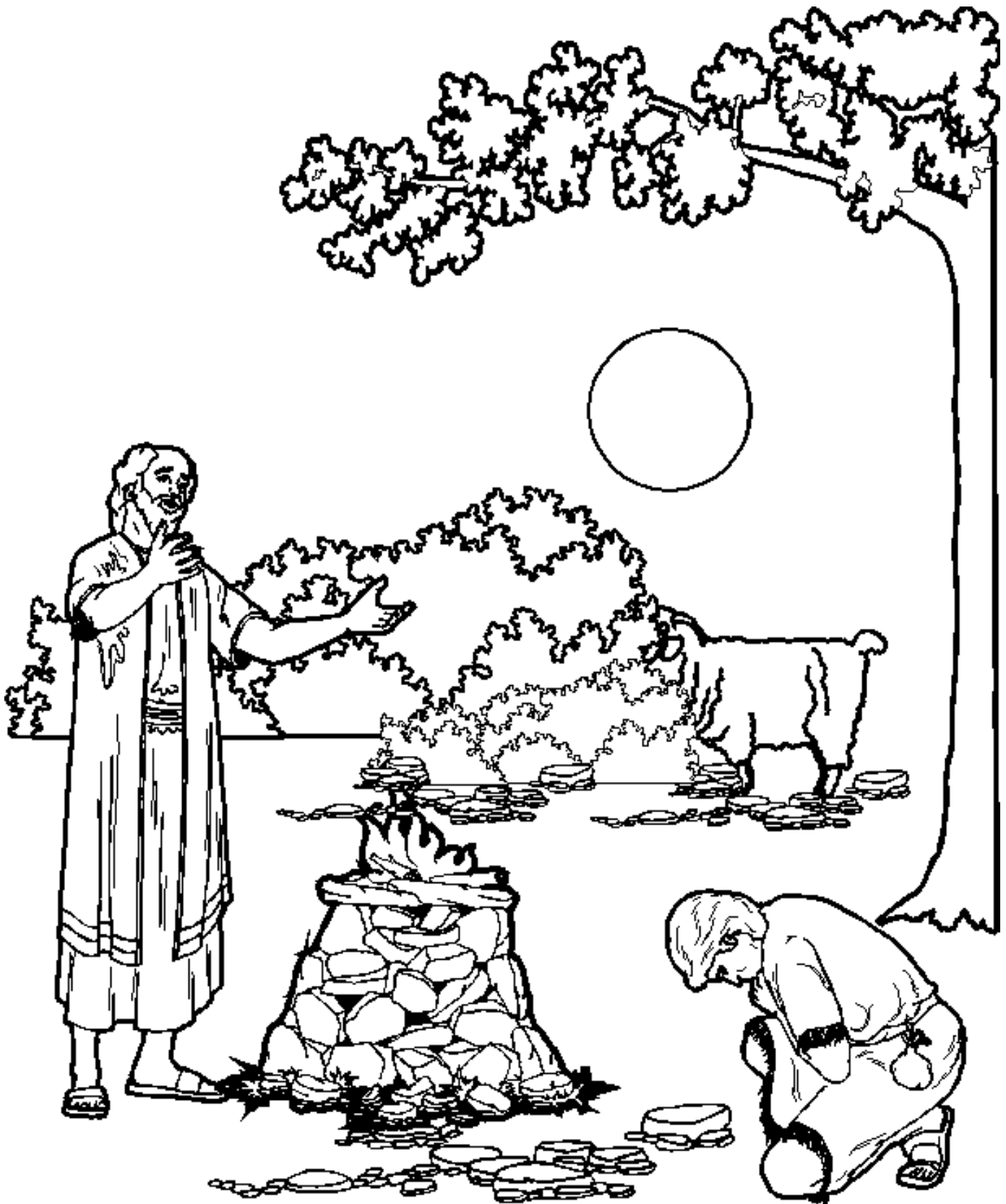
And they came to the place which God had told him of, and Abraham built an altar there. He laid the wood in order, bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood. And Abraham stretched forth his hand taking the knife to slay his son. At that moment the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven and said, "Abraham! Abraham!" And Abraham said, "Here I am!" And the angel of the Lord said, "Lay not thine hand upon the lad. Do nothing to him. I now know that you fear God seeing you have not withheld your son from me."

And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked. Behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering instead of his son.

And the angel of the LORD said to Abraham, "By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, because you have done this thing and not kept your son from me, I will bless you and in multiplying I will multiply your seed as the stars of the heaven and as the sand on the seashore. Your seed shall possess the gate of his enemies and in your seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed because you have obeyed my voice."

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**PARENTS:** Young children love repetition and so they will love to hear this story over and over again. We did our best to include something for all ages so where necessary, please assist your child or adjust it to make it more their level.



Genesis 22:11-22 “And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here [am] I. 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.”

**MATCHING:** For each item in the first column, write in the letter for the description from the second.

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| ___ 1. Abimelech             | A. Who did Abraham take along with Isaac to the sacrifice? |
| ___ 2. Abraham               | B. Who gave birth to Isaac?                                |
| ___ 3. Hagar                 | C. Who stopped the sacrifice of the child?                 |
| ___ 4. Isaac                 | D. Who took Sarah thinking she was not married.            |
| ___ 5. Sarah                 | E. Who was about to sacrifice his son?                     |
| ___ 6. The Angel of the Lord | F. Who was sent away after her son mocked?                 |
| ___ 7. Two servants          | G. Who was to be sacrificed?                               |

[Answers to October 2001 matching: 1=F, 2=E, 3=B, 4=G, 5=A, 6=D, 7=C]

**CRYPTIC:** Each letter represents a different letter to make a real word. Replace the letter consistently in each word to reveal the verse being quoted. (Hint - the verse is from the cover story and quoted from the King James Bible.)

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[Answers to October 2001 cryptic: Each letter in the puzzle stood the place of a real letter as follows: Z=A, Y=N, X=D, W=T, V=H, U=E, T=R, S=C, R=M, Q=W, P=O, O=G, N=L, M=S, L=V, K=I, J=F, I=U. The Bible verse was: Genesis 19:1 “*And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing [them] rose up to meet them*”.]

**UNSCRAMBLE:** Rearrange the letters in the following words to reveal the Bible word. (Hint - the words are based upon the cover story and quoted from the King James Bible.)

MRHAAAB _____ EDAMR _____ DDEHNRU _____	RAGHA _____ EFFGIORN _____ DEIOPRV _____	EAGLN _____ ABLM _____ AHIMOR _____	CGIKMNO _____ ASAIC _____ RAEGR _____
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[Answers to October 2001 unscramble: Column 1– ANGELS, STREET, DOOR; Column 2 – CITY, ZOAR, PILLAR; Column 3 – MOUNTAIN, FIRE, LINGERED; Column 4 – BREAD, DAUGHTER, SODOM.]

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cover story (page 4)

**APPLICATIONS FROM THE COVER STORY:** When Abraham implied a lie by not telling the whole truth it showed that Abraham still did not trust fully in God. This was the second time he was tested, which shows that God does not give up on us.

When Abraham prayed for Abimelech it showed that we ought to be praying for one another even if they do not believe in God.

When Sarah saw Ishmael mocking, she did not want that type of influence around Isaac and requested that he and his mother leave. This shows that caring parents will sometimes not allow their children to be under a constant influence of evil. And the loving mother will sometimes not permit her children to play with certain boys and girls. Typically they are the ones that have parents that do not care what their children do. Parents who do care but the children are not obeying is different.

Abraham doing exactly what God asked him to do without question, though it was a strange request, showed total obedience. As a young child, when a parent is following the Lord and giving a command, because you love your parents and love God, the same obedience should be shown. Many times you will find out why after you do as you are told.

Abraham telling Isaac that God would provide a lamb showed trust in God unlike the other two tests that he failed. This teaches that total trust in God is better learned the first time instead of confronting a more difficult situation.

Isaac laying on the altar to be sacrificed showed complete faith and trust in his father. Isaac could have out run his father, but he knew how close his father walked with God. This is yet another example of teaching us to obey our parents in the Lord, for if they are in the Lord, their commands come out of love and not just a whim.

The ram that was then sacrificed instead of Isaac represented Jesus who took the place of our death. Everybody deserves to die because we have all sinned, but the reason we are not dead and have hope in eternal life is that Jesus took the place of death for us.

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