

Genesis 22:1-24

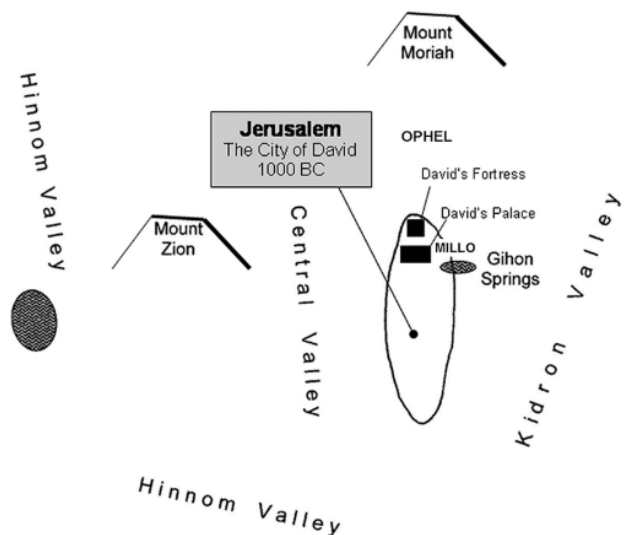
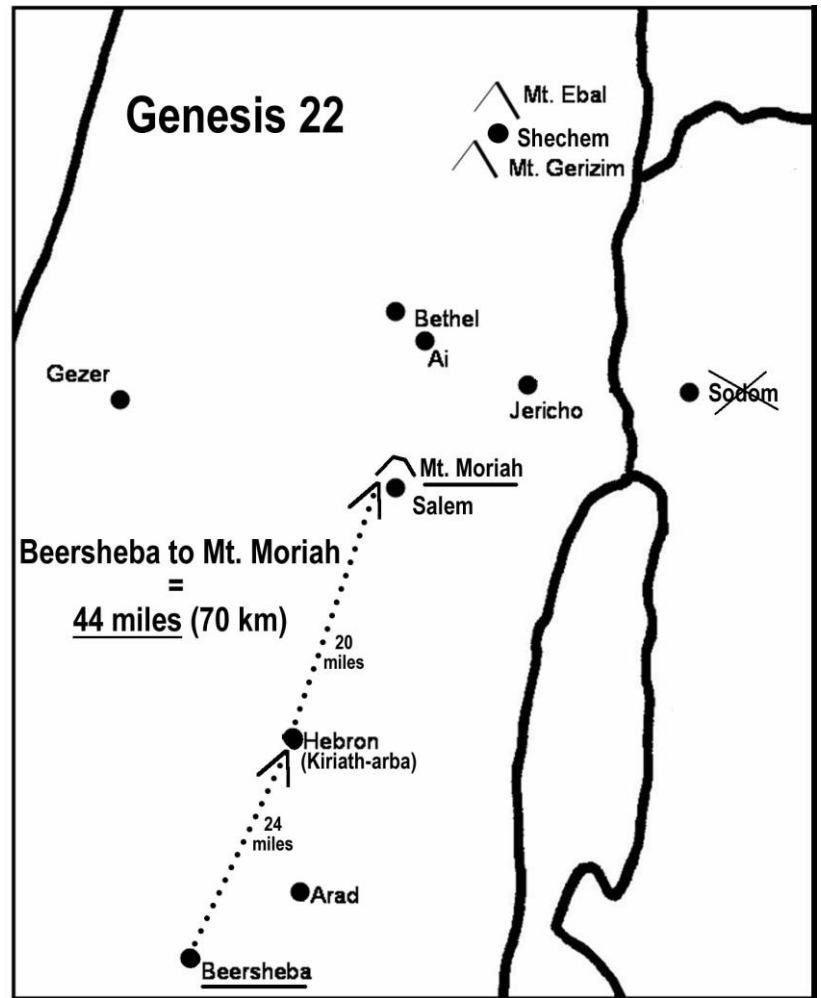
Genesis 22:1 – **After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.”**

85 [e] 'ab·rā·hām; אַבְרָהָם Abraham N-proper-ms	853 [e] 'et- אֶת- - DirObjM	5254 [e] <div><div>nīs·sāh נִסָּה tested</div></div> V-Piel-Perf-3ms	430 [e] wə·hā·'ē·lō·hīm, וְהָאֱלֹהִים that God Conj-w, Art N-mp	428 [e] hā·'ēl·leh, הָאֵלֵה these Art Pro-cp	1697 [e] had·dē·bā·rīm הַדְּבָרִים things Art N-mp	310 [e] 'a·ḥar אַחַר after Adv	1961 [e] way·hî, וַיְהִי And it came to pass Conj-w V-Qal-ConsecImperf-3ms
2009 [e] hin·nē·nî. הִנְנִי Here I am Interjection 1cs	559 [e] way·yō·mer וַיֹּאמֶר and he said Conj-w V-Qal-ConsecImperf-3ms	85 [e] 'ab·rā·hām אַבְרָהָם Abraham N-proper-ms	413 [e] 'ē·lāw, אֵלָיו to him Prep 3ms	559 [e] way·yō·mer וַיֹּאמֶר and said Conj-w V-Qal-ConsecImperf-3ms			

- This event is called in Hebrew the “Binding of Isaac” or “*Akedat Yitzchak*”
- “tested” is “NASAH” meaning “to test”, “to try”, “to prove”, “to tempt”
 - Nasah* is used in the Hebrew in the context of examining or proving the quality, faith, or character.
 - Nasah* can imply a trial or temptation used to reveal a weakness and refine the subject.
 - Nasah* is used to identify God’s testing His people to strengthen their faith and obedience.
- From the beginning this was a TEST. This was never to be a human sacrifice.
- Child sacrifice has been universal throughout the ages.
 - Central America had child sacrifice in 1300-1500’s yet.
 - There is evidence of child sacrifice from the Greeks, Vikings, Maya, Aztecs, Incas, Carthaginians, Phoenicians, China, Africa from the ancient world. And, it continues today.
 - Abraham may have understood this to be a common, acceptable practice.
 - Eventually the Torah forbid the practice
 - Hebrews were the only ancient culture to forbid the practice. Why?
 - Was it superior morality of the Hebrew people?
 - Was it because YHWH forbid it in the Law?

22:2 – He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.”

1. At the start of the next chapter (Gen. 23:1-3) Sarah was living in Hebron (or, Kiriath-arba) when she was 127 and Isaac was 37. At this time Abraham was still living in Beersheba (age 137). So, when Sarah died she was not living in Beersheba with Abraham, but was living 24 miles away (Gen. 22:19).
2. In 2000 BC Jerusalem and Mount Moriah were the center of worship of the God Most High (El-Elyon), since this was the residence of his priest-king Melchizedek and the place to which God had led Abraham for worship.
3. This same place, Mount Moriah, was identified in 2 Chronicles 3:1 as the plot of ground that David purchased with his own money from Araunah the Jebusite. It was also identified as the place Solomon would build the temple.



The city David took from the Jebusites in 1005 BC was about 10 acres in size with a population of about 2,000.

3327 [e] yiš-ḥāq, יִשְׁחָק Isaac N-proper-ms	853 [e] 'et- אֶת־ - DirObjM	157 [e] 'a-hab-tā אֲהַבְתָּ you love V-Qal-Perf-2ms	834 [e] 'ā-šer- אֲשֶׁר־ whom Pro-r	3173 [e] yā-hī-də-kā יְהִי־דַכָּא only Adj-msc 2ms	853 [e] 'et- אֶת־ - DirObjM	1121 [e] bin-kā בִּנְךָ your son N-msc 2ms	853 [e] 'et- אֶת־ - DirObjM	4994 [e] nā נָא now Interjection	3947 [e] qāḥ- קַח־ take V-Qal-Imp-ms	559 [e] way-yō-mer וַיֹּאמֶר And He said Conj-w V-Qal-ConsecImperf-3ms
2022 [e] he-hā-rīm, הַהָרִים of the mountains Art N-mp	259 [e] 'a-ḥad אֶחָד one Number-msc	5921 [e] 'al עַל on Prep	5930 [e] lā-'ō-lāh, לְעֹלָה as a burnt offering Prep-I N-fs	8033 [e] šām שָׁם there Adv	5927 [e] wə-ha-'ā-lē-hū וְהֵעֲלֵהוּ and offer him Conj-w V-Hifil-Imp-ms 3ms	4179 [e] ham-mō-rī-yah; הַמֹּרִיָּה of Moriah Art N-proper-fs	776 [e] 'e-reš אֶרֶץ the land N-fsc	413 [e] 'el- אֶל־ to Prep	1980 [e] lā-kā, לָךְ - Prep 2ms	1980 [e] wə-lek- וְלָךְ and go Conj-w V-Qal-Imp-ms
						413 [e] 'ē-le-kā. אֵלֶיךָ you Prep 2ms	559 [e] 'ō-mar אֶמַר I will tell V-Qal-Imperf-1cs	834 [e] 'ā-šer אֲשֶׁר of which Pro-r		

4. God doesn't say "take Isaac", but instead God uses descriptors:
 - a. "your son"
 - b. "only son"
 - c. The son "you love"
5. "Go" or 'lech-lecha, are also God's first words to Abram in Genesis 12:1:
 - a. 12:1 – **"Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you."**
 - b. 22:2 – **"Go to the land of Moriah"**

776 [e] mē-'ar-šə-kā מֵאֶרֶץ of your country	1980 [e] lā-kā לָךְ -	1980 [e] lek- לָךְ Get out	87 [e] 'ab-rām, אַבְרָם Abram	413 [e] 'el- אֶל־ to	3068 [e] Yah-weh יְהוָה Yahweh	Genesis 12:1
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22:3 – **So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.**

1. The words from God came at night, and Abraham rose early the very next morning to obey.
2. Why did Abram leave early?
 - a. He was eager to obey?
 - b. He had to leave early to get there?
 - c. He could not sleep after the instructions?
 - d. He wanted to leave before Sarah woke up?
 - e. He didn't want to waste day light?

853 [e] 'et-	3947 [e] way-yiq-qah	2543 [e] hā-mō-rōw,	853 [e] 'et-	2280 [e] way-ya-hā-bōš	1242 [e] bab-bō-qer,	85 [e] 'ab-rā-hām	7925 [e] way-yaš-kēm
אֶת-	וַיִּקַּח	חֲמֹרֹוֹ	אֶת-	וַיַּחְבֹּשׁ	בַּבֹּקֶר	אַבְרָהָם	וַיִּשְׁלַח 3
-	and took	his donkey	-	and saddled	in the morning	Abraham	So rose early
DirObjM	Conj-w V-Qal-ConseclImperf-3ms	N-msc 3ms	DirObjM	Conj-w V-Qal-ConseclImperf-3ms	Prep-b, Art N-ms	N-proper-ms	Conj-w V-Hifil-ConseclImperf-3ms

5930 [e] 'o-lah,	6086 [e] 'ā-šê	1234 [e] way-baq-qa'	1121 [e] bē-nōw;	3327 [e] yiš-haq	853 [e] wə-ʾēt	854 [e] 'it-tōw,	5288 [e] ne-ʾa-rāw	8147 [e] šə-nē
עֹלָה	עֵצִי	וַיִּבְקַע	בְּנוֹ	יִצְחָק	וְאֵת	אִתּוֹ	נְעָרָיו	שְׁנֵי
the burnt offering	the wood for	and he split	his son	Isaac	and	with him	of his young men	two
N-fs	N-mpc	Conj-w V-Piel-ConseclImperf-3ms	N-msc 3ms	N-proper-ms	Conj-w DirObjM	Prep 3ms	N-mpc 3ms	Number-mdc

430 [e] hā-ʾē-lō-hīm.	lōw	559 [e] 'ā-mar-	834 [e] 'ā-šer-	4725 [e] ham-mā-qō-wm	413 [e] 'el-	1980 [e] way-yē-lek,	6965 [e] way-yā-qām
הָאֱלֹהִים:	לוֹ	אָמַר-	אֲשֶׁר-	הַמָּקוֹם	אֶל-	וַיֵּלֶךְ	וַיָּקָם
God	him	had told	of which	the place	to	and went	and arose
Art N-mp	Prep 3ms	V-Qal-Perf-3ms	Pro-r	Art N-ms	Prep	Conj-w V-Qal-ConseclImperf-3ms	Conj-w V-Qal-ConseclImperf-3ms

22:4 – On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar.

4725 [e] ham-mā-qō-wm	853 [e] 'et-	7200 [e] way-yar	5869 [e] 'ē-nāw	853 [e] 'et-	85 [e] 'ab-rā-hām	5375 [e] way-yiś-ša	7992 [e] haš-šə-lī-ši,	3117 [e] bay-yō-wm
הַמָּקוֹם	את	וַיַּרְא	עֵינָיו	את	אַבְרָהָם	וַיִּשָּׂא	הַשְּׁלִישִׁי	בַּיּוֹם 4
the place	-	and saw	his eyes	-	Abraham	then lifted up	third	On the day
Art N-ms	DirObjM	Conj-w V-Qal-ConseclImperf-3ms	N-cdc 3ms	DirObjM	N-proper-ms	Conj-w V-Qal-ConseclImperf-3ms	Art Number-oms	Prep-b, Art N-ms
7350 [e] mē-rā-hōq.								
מֵרָחֹק:								
from a distance								
Prep-m Adj-ms								

22:5 – Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.”

5288 [e] wə-han-na-ʾar,	589 [e] wa-ʾā-nī	2543 [e] ha-hā-mō-wr,	5973 [e] 'im-	6311 [e] pōh	3427 [e] lā-kem	5288 [e] nə-ʾa-rāw,	413 [e] 'el-	85 [e] 'ab-rā-hām	559 [e] way-yō-mer
וְהַנַּעַר	וָאֲנִי	הַחֲמֹר	עִמִּי	פֹה	לָכֶם	נְעָרָיו	אֶל-	אַבְרָהָם	וַיֹּאמֶר 5
and the boy	and I	the donkey	with	here	-	Stay	his young men	to Abraham	And said
Conj-w, Art N-ms	Conj-w Pro-1cs	Art N-ms	Prep	Adv	Prep 2mp	V-Qal-Imp-mp	N-mpc 3ms	Prep	N-proper-ms
413 [e] 'ā-lē-kem.									
אֵלֵיכֶם:									
to you									
311 [e] wə-nā-šū-bāh									
וְנָשׁוּבָה									
and we will come back									
Prep 2mp	Conj-w V-Qal-ConjImperf.Cohort-1cp								
7812 [e] wə-niś-ta-hā-weh	3541 [e] kōh;	5704 [e] 'aq-							
וְנִשְׁתַּחֲוֶה	כֹּה	עַד-							
and worship	there	over							
Conj-w V-Hitpael-ConjImperf-1cp	Adv	Prep							
1980 [e] nē-lə-kah									
וְלָכָה									
will go									
V-Qal-Imperf.Cohort-1cp									

- “We” will return? Why did he say that?
 - To deceive Isaac?
 - To prevent Isaac from resisting?
 - He knew it was just a test?
 - He expected a resurrection?

22:6 – And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together.

1121 [e] be-nōw, בְּנוֹ his son N-msc 3ms	3327 [e] yis-hāq יִשְׁחָק Isaac N-proper-ms	5921 [e] 'al- עַל- on Prep	7760 [e] way-yā-šēm וַיָּשֶׂם and laid [it] Conj-w V-Qal-ConseclImperf-3ms	5930 [e] hā-'ō-lah, הָעֹלָה of the burnt offering Art N-fs	6086 [e] 'ā-šē אֵשׁ the wood N-mpc	853 [e] 'et- אֶת- - DirObjM	85 [e] 'ab-rā-hām אַבְרָהָם Abraham N-proper-ms	3947 [e] way-yiq-qah וַיִּקַּח So took Conj-w V-Qal-ConseclImperf-3ms
3162 [e] yah-dāw. יָחִיד together Adv	8147 [e] še-nē-hem שְׁנֵיהֶם the two of them Number-mdc 3mp	1980 [e] way-yē-le-kū וַיֵּלֶךְ and went Conj-w V-Qal-ConseclImperf-3mp	3979 [e] ham-ma-'ā-ke-let; הַמַּאֲכֵלֶת a knife Art N-fs	853 [e] we-'et- וְאֶת- and Conj-w DirObjM	784 [e] hā-'ēš הָאֵשׁ the fire Art N-cs	853 [e] 'et- אֶת- - DirObjM	3027 [e] be-yā-dōw, בְּיָדוֹ in his hand Prep-b N-fsc 3ms	3947 [e] way-yiq-qah וַיִּקַּח and he took Conj-w V-Qal-ConseclImperf-3ms

1. A clue to Isaac's age is indicated by the fact Isaac is able to carry the load of fire wood.
2. "Knife" is ma'achelet which literally means "feeder since it is a slaughtering knife used to fee people.
3. "the fire" could have been a burning torch or a flint stone (flint kit) to start the fire.

22:7 – And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"

22:8 – Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

22:9 – When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.

22:10 – Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.

22:11 – But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."

22:12 – He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me."

22:13 – And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.

22:14 – So Abraham called the name of that place, "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

22:15 – And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven

22:16 – and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son,

22:17 – I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies,

22:18 – and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

22:19 – So Abraham returned to his young men, and they arose and went together to Beersheba. And Abraham lived at Beersheba.

22:20 – Now after these things it was told to Abraham, “Behold, Milcah also has borne children to your brother Nahor:

22:21 – Uz his firstborn, Buz his brother, Kemuel the father of Aram,

22:22 – Chesed, Hazo, Pildash, Jidlaph, and Bethuel.”

22:23 – (Bethuel fathered Rebekah.) These eight Milcah bore to Nahor, Abraham's brother.

22:24 – Moreover, his concubine, whose name was Reumah, bore Tebah, Gaham, Tahash, and Maacah.