Genesis 22:7-19

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

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

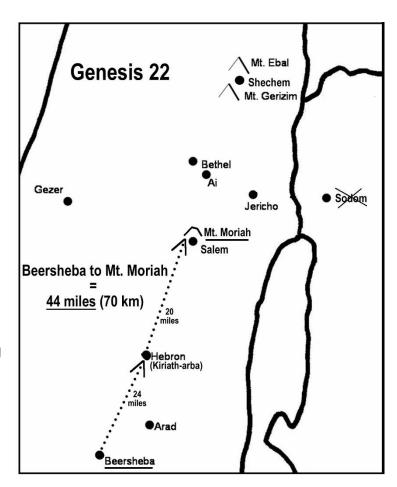
22:3 – So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.

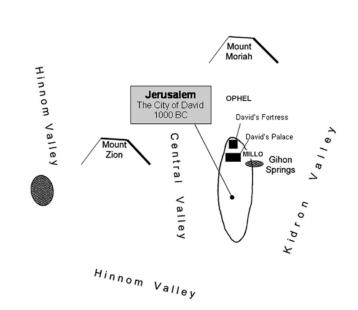
22:4 – On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar.

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."

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.

- 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.





The Sheep's Pools

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

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.



- 1. "God will provide to himself the lamb for a burnt offering my son"
 - a. <u>Vocative</u> (a grammatical case which is used for a noun that identifies a person being addressed):
 - i. Isaac is being addressed as "my son" by Abraham
 - ii. "God will provide to himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son."
 - b. <u>Apposition</u> (the grammatical relationship between two nouns or noun phrases where on noun explains or identifies the other):
 - i. Isaac is being identified as the offering by Abraham
 - ii. "God will provide to himself the lamb for a burnt offering my son."
- 2. No response from Isaac is recorded which could mean:
 - a. Isaac is satisfied with the answer
 - b. Isaac is bewildered with the answer

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 <u>bound Isaac</u> his son and <u>laid him</u> on the altar, on top of the wood.



- 1. Abraham had built an altar before in response to God making a promise:
 - a. Gen. 12:7 at Shechem:
 - "Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he **built there an altar** to the Lord, who had appeared to him."
 - b. Genesis 12:8 hill country east of Bethel between Bethel and Ai:
 "And there he built an altar to the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord."
 - c. Genesis 13:14-18 at Mamre after Lot leaves and God promises Abraham N, W, S, E land:
 - "Lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward, for <u>all the land that you see I will give to you</u> and to your offspring forever....Arise, walk through the length and the breadth of the land, for I will give it to you." So Abram moved his tent and came and settled by the oaks of Mamre, which are at Hebron, and there <u>he **built an altar** to the Lord</u>."
- 2. These promises could have been nullified if Isaac dies as a sacrifice.

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."



- 1. So far, when the Divine speaks in Genesis 22 it is *Elohim*, "God"
 - a. 12:1 –
 - b. 12:2 -
- 2. Here the Divine speaker is the Divin e Messenger -> Malak YHWH or "the angel of YHWH"
 - a. This Divine Messenger was heard from in:
 - i. 16:7-8 speaking to Hagar:
 - "The <u>angel of the Lord</u> found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, the spring on the way to Shur. And he said, "Hagar, servant of Sarai, where have you come from and where are you going?"
 - ii. 21:17-18 speaking to Hagar about Ishmael: "And **God** heard the voice of the boy, and the
 - "And **God** heard the voice of the boy, and the <u>angel of God</u> called to Hagar <u>from heaven</u> and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Fear not, for **God** has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Up! Lift up the boy, and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make him into a great nation." Then **God** opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water."
 - b. In the next verse (22:12) the Divine Messenger speaks as if He assumes He is Elohim (God)
 - i. So, the Angel of YHWH = Elohim (God)
 - ii. Also seen in:
 - 1. Genesis 31:11, 13
 - 2. Exodus 3:2, 4
 - 3. Judges 6:12-23 (6x)
- 3. The repeated call, "Abraham! Abraham!" clearly indicates this call of the Angel of the Lord:
 - a. Interrupts what Abraham is doing
 - b. Is an urgent call
 - c. Similar to
 - i. Exodus 3:4 "Moses! Moses!"
 - ii. 1 Samuel 3:4 "Samuel! Samuel!"
 - iii. Acts 9:4 "Saul! Saul!"

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."



- 1. Abraham's willingness is sufficient indication of Abraham's "fear of God" which includes:
 - a. commitment
 - b. obedience
 - c. self-sacrifice
 - d. loyalty
- 2. "Fear" is ye-re and sounds similar to yir-eh ("provide") in 22:8
 - a. The Lord yir-eh...The Lord provides
 - b. Abraham ye-re...Abraham fears

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.



1. The text does not explain why a "ram" (22:13) instead of the promised "lamb" (22:7)

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



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- 1. Place is named **YHWH Yir-eh** ("the LORD will provide")
 - NOT Abraham Shama ("Abraham obeyed")
- 2. At the time of writing/editing this account this event documented and proved the author/editor:
 - a. The lesson to be learned
 - b. The doctrinal point to be established
- 3. POINT: We are to be impressed with God's faithfulness, not Abrham's
- 4. Three things happen here:
 - a. YHWH sees
 - b. YHWH provides
 - c. YHWH is seen (if not a visible manifestation, at least His work is seen)
- 5. "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided"
 - a. Come empty handed relying on the Lord's grace
 - b. Your own works and offerings are not accepted
 - c. But, you must come to the Mount of the Lord
 - d. But, you must obey on the Mount of the Lord
- 6. Who's "day" was this said?
 - a. Abraham's day and the original document
 - b. Moses' day and the editing and compiling of Genesis
 - c. Ezra's day and the scribe's establishing and collecting the divine Scripture

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

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- 1. "Second Time" refers to a subsequent result of Abraham being on the Mount of God.
- 2. The first thing was the Lord provided.
- 3. Now, the Angel of the Lord (the One who provides) will also follow this provision by honoring obedience and faithfulness
- 4. Testing results in rewards

- 5. For being obedient and receiving the provided sacrifice Abraham is promised:
 - a. Numerous descendants (22:17)
 - b. Victorious (22:17)
 - c. Influential (22:18)
 - d. Descendents who will prosper because of Abraham's faithfulness

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,



- 1. This is the only oath sworn in Genesis introduced with YHWH swearing by himself
 - a. Emphasized with two phrases:
 - i. "I have sworn by myself" Bi Nisbati
 - ii. "Says YHWH" Ne-um YHWH
 - b. This phrase is used often in the OT prophets, but only in:
 - i. Gen. 22:16 here
 - ii. Numbers 14:28 -
 - "Say to them, 'As I live, declares the LORD, what you have said in my hearing I will do to you:"
 - iii. Isaiah 45:23 -
 - "By myself I have sworn; from my mouth has gone out in righteousness a word that shall not return: 'To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance.'"

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.

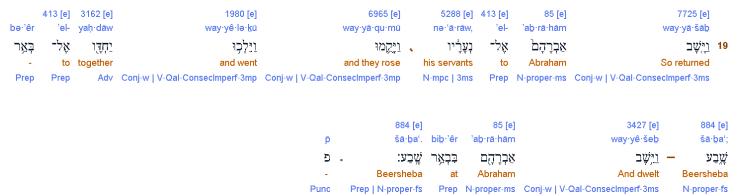
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- 1. Human behavior determines God's response
- 2. Every promise to Abraham has been unconditional up to this point
- 3. Now God explicitly connects Abraham's performance to the fulfillment of those same promises
- 4. These are the last recorded words spoken by YHWH to Abraham

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

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



- 1. Abraham completes the 6 day journey back to Beersheba
- 2. Notice Isaac is missing in the return trip down Mt. Moriah: "So Abraham returned to his young men, and they arose and went together."
- 3. Hebrews 11:17-19 -

"By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back."

- 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.