

**Undeniable
Biblical
Proof**

JESUS CHRIST

**Will
Return
To
Planet
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Exactly
2,000
Years
After
The
Year
Of
His
Death**

What you MUST DO to be ready!!!

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Chapter 6

Isaac

*“Take now thy son, THINE ONLY SON Isaac, whom thou lovest...
and offer him there for a burnt OFFERING”
(Genesis 22:2)*

Abraham’s wife Sarah was barren. But 25 years after God had told Abraham to leave his father’s house, Sarah—age 90!—conceived a miracle baby named Isaac. The account of Isaac is a prophetic parable, too! Every detail of the story was arranged and controlled by God to secretly prophesy about the coming Messiah. For the first time ever, God would disclose to mankind: A SUPERNATURALLY-BORN, HUMAN BEING’S DEATH (as a blood sacrifice) would be necessary to atone for mankind’s sins! THAT is what the prophetic story (parable) of Abraham, Sarah, & Isaac was/is all about!

Now it is debatable whether or not Abraham, Sarah, or Isaac understood this was the purpose of what God put them through, but certainly no one else got it! The Jewish people of Jesus’ day had NO CLUE a sinless human being had to be sacrificed for mankind’s sins. And this is exactly as God planned it, for had they known His plan they would NEVER have killed Jesus Christ. Paul even said such: *“But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the HIDDEN wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: **Which none of***

the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would NOT have crucified the Lord of glory” (I Corinthians 2:7, 8). Wow!

Is it not amazing to realize the Jewish Priests and religious leaders of Jesus’ day had no inkling of God’s plan of salvation? They knew every facet of Abraham & Sarah’s story concerning Isaac; they probably read the account from their scrolls often in the synagogues on Sabbath days. Yet, they had NO idea what it signified! Consequently, they had no reservations about killing a sinless, miracle worker like Jesus when he arrived, and God’s redemption plan unfolded without a hitch. Friend, the story (parable) of Abraham, Sarah, & Isaac is a truly remarkable account, for God manipulated the events like a top-notch director who knows the value of foreshadowing, revealing stunning detail into the Messiah’s future birth and precise method of execution he would suffer paying the ransom for mankind’s sins.

But before we analyze the narrative of Abraham, Sarah, & Isaac, let us turn back the game clock to the period RIGHT AFTER Adam & Eve’s sin in the Garden of Eden; for there is overlooked Biblical evidence God immediately broached the idea of “a sacrifice for sin” with mankind. Here is the simple but eye-opening verse: “**And the Lord God clothed Adam and his wife with garments made from SKINS OF ANIMALS**” (Genesis 3:21, Living Bible). Wow, remember Adam & Eve’s “discovery of their nakedness” was a result of their sin, symbolizing their spiritual separation from God? So what did God do to “COVER their SIN”? He sacrificed (killed) an animal!!! Friend, although this scene was literal, it had a much more important spiritual connotation: This was God’s way of secretly saying a “blood sacrifice” would be necessary to atone for (or cover) mankind’s sins. Later, King David spoke in similar terms about what happens to a righteous (repentant) person’s soul when Christ’s completed work of atonement (forgiveness) is applied to their sins: “**Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose SINS ARE COVERED**” (Romans 4:7). Do you see? Friend, undoubtedly, God introduced the Messianic concept of “a sacrifice for sin” with mankind IN the Garden of Eden.

Then, after Adam & Eve’s expulsion from the Garden, we read in the Bible that Eve conceived 2 sons, Cain & Abel, who were “making sacrifices” to God! Did you ever wonder WHY they were doing that?

The Bible is silent on the reason, but this story again seems to confirm God instituted the concept of “a sacrifice for sin” with Adam & Eve (and all mankind) after their sin. Think about it; without sin (disobedience to God) having entered mankind’s spirits, I can see NO logical reason why God would have desired mankind to “sacrifice things” to Him. Do you understand? In a perfect, sinless world...why would God have wanted mankind to slaughter His beautifully created animals?

Yet, archaeology confirms earliest mankind WAS building sacrificial altars! For example, where there are ancient cave paintings there are stones piled into obvious altars! Therefore I ask you, if ancient mankind never had an encounter with a God, what possessed them to start killing animals in a sacrificial manner? Seriously, think about that!!! If the concept of “God” is some dreamed-up fairytale, how did mankind conjure up the idea of “killing animals” for Him or Her? I just cannot make the connection! Do you understand? Ah, but it appears very logical when considering the Biblical account of mankind’s SIN in the Garden of Eden. Yes, surely, God introduced the “sacrifice for sin” concept of His redemption plan to mankind from the beginning—i.e. “offer up” or “sacrifice” something to atone for sin. And every ancient culture did it!

Moreover, in the Biblical Cain & Abel account, God went a step further in secretly foretelling His Messianic salvation plan for mankind’s souls by accepting Abel’s “lamb offering” and rejecting Cain’s “fruit of the ground offering”. The Bible records: “Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground” (*Genesis 4:2*). Do you see? This was God’s surreptitious way of saying only BLOOD would be an acceptable “sacrifice for sin”. See, there is NO blood in vegetables or grain! Imagine, even from the beginning of time, God put His prophetic stamp of approval on the notion of a “sacrificial lamb”. But now in the story (parable) of Abraham, Sarah, & Isaac—a little over 2,000 years into the history of mankind—God is going to ratchet up His “sacrificial lamb concept” by unveiling it would take a HUMAN sacrifice! A Messiah!!! And sure enough (even though mankind did not know it) Jesus was to become the truly accepted “sacrificial Lamb of God”: “In whom we have redemption through his (Jesus) blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace” (*Ephesians*

1:7). Let us take a look at the account.

Try and put yourself in Abraham's sandals, viewing the situation from his perspective. Imagine not knowing anything you know today about the man Jesus. In other words, you are totally in the dark (as well as the rest of the world) about God's plan of redemption. Then, one day when Abraham is 99 years old, the invisible, creator God comes and reconfirms the covenantal "seed promise" He made with you when you were younger: "*I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect... I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. And **I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an EVERLASTING possession; and I will be their God**" (Genesis 17:1, 7, 8). Friend, once again, God's promise here is talking about the "spiritual seed", Jesus Christ! For only those "*born again*" of the "spiritual seed" of Christ (love) will live eternally. (Note: God's land promise is an everlasting one, signifying eternal life in the Kingdom of God.)*

In the 1st century AD, God prophesied through John the Revelator about the time after His 7 day (7,000 year) plan is over: "*I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea...And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God*" (Revelation 21:1, 3). Do you see the same futuristic "*I will be their God*" language in John the Revelator's writing and God's covenantal "seed promise" to Abraham? That is because they are the same topic! Again, everyone who chooses to live righteously (obeys the 10 Love Commandments) is a "spiritual child of Abraham" no matter what nationality name they live under while on planet Earth. THESE are the "spirit children" to whom the covenantal "seed promise" God made with Abraham will apply, for God will be their God, forever and ever!!!

Honestly, again, ALL the covenantal "seed promise" meant for Abraham was that the Messiah (Savior), Jesus, would one day

come from his lineage and that he could be a part of the Messiah's great earthly Kingdom if he continued to walk perfectly before God by obeying His 10 Love Commandments. Do you understand? Listen closely to God's covenantal words to Abraham: *"I will establish my covenant **between me and thee** and **thy seed after thee in their generations** for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee"* (Genesis 17:7). God is REALLY saying (and I am paraphrasing), "Abraham, the 'spiritual seed of the Messiah' is going to come from your lineage, and I will continue to make that declaration (covenant) to each of your descendants in their generations." In other words, God was going to mark the patriarchal path to the Messiah by continually affirming it with whoever was next on the list! Is that not incredible? And if you know the Bible, you know God did just that!!! For the complete patriarchal genealogy of Jesus Christ is recorded there [See Figure #3, page 79]. There were 40 patriarchs after Abraham until the Messiah! How and why do you think this lineage was known throughout all those centuries? Think about it!

After reaffirming the covenantal "seed promise" with Abraham (while still talking) God then informed him his barren wife, Sarah, would bear him a son! Do you understand what God was doing? God just transitioned from the covenantal "seed promise"—which was/is ALL about the Messiah!—to now talking about Isaac. And what was Isaac going to represent? The MESSIAH, the "spiritual seed"—miracle birth & human sacrifice!!! In other words, God had not switched subjects at all: His entire conversation with Abraham was about the Messiah, Jesus—the "spiritual seed". So in its entirety, here is what God was really saying to Abraham (and I am paraphrasing), "Abraham, I promise you the Messiah—the "spiritual seed" whereby all righteous souls will obtain eternal life—will one day come from your lineage, and I will continue to confirm this covenantal "seed promise" with each of your descendants in their specific generation, continually tracing the patriarchal path to the Messiah. But for now, allow Me to secretly show you things concerning the coming Messiah ("the spiritual seed") by controlling the circumstances in your life, for your barren wife is about to have a miracle baby—patriarch #21 on the direct genealogical descent to the Messiah—and I am going to ask you to sacrifice him!"

Wow, my gut tells me Abraham did not understand ANY of this!

But let us investigate how God used Isaac's life to prophesy of the coming Messiah. It began with his strange birth, for Sarah had been barren her entire life: "Sarai was barren; she had no child" (Genesis 11:30). But now at 90 years old and WELL past her childbearing years, God told Abraham she will bear him a son! Abraham just laughed: "Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall a child be born unto him that is an hundred years old? And shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear?" (Genesis 17:17). Do you understand what is taking place here? A barren woman is past her ovulation days: "Now Abraham and Sarah were old and well stricken in age; and it ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women" (Genesis 18:11). Yet, God declares she will have a son!!! Friend, God is revealing the way in which the Messiah will be born—namely, SUPERNATURALLY! Isaac's birth will be a supernatural birth!!! Over 1,500 years later, God forthrightly authenticated the Messiah's birth would be a supernatural birth by prophesying through Isaiah's lips: "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel (God with us)" (Isaiah 7:14).

God rebuked Abraham; "Is any thing too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son" (Genesis 18:14). Like I said before, I doubt Abraham realized his circumstances were God's way of revealing things to him about the coming Messiah. But in this announcement to Abraham God was foretelling the Messiah would be a MAN, because Sarah would bear a SON. Also, take into account that God had a set time for the birth! Look at God's words again. Do you notice God had an exact time appointed? This is exactly the way it would be with the Messiah! After Christ's death, resurrection, & ascension, Paul wrote: "But when the FULLNESS of the TIME was COME, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman" (Galatians 4:4). Do you see? You will soon learn, unequivocally, everything had to occur on time concerning Jesus, because he HAD to be ready to die on Earth during mankind's 4,000th year! Friend, it was all God's plan from the beginning: He had an EXACT time appointed!!!

Then, the Bible records: "And the LORD visited Sarah as he

had said, and the **LORD DID UNTO SARAH** as he had spoken. For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him” (Genesis 21:1, 2). The manner in which the Bible records “*the Lord visited Sarah*” and “*the Lord did unto Sarah*” sounds uncannily similar to the way the angel Gabriel described Mary would conceive: “*The Holy Ghost shall **come upon thee**, and the power of the Highest shall **overshadow thee**: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God” (Luke 1:35). Do you see? Sarah’s divinely born child, Isaac, was a prophetic picture of the divinely born Messiah child, Jesus!*

Abraham was 100 years old when Isaac was born. Let us orient ourselves to where we are at this time in God’s 7 day (7,000 year) master plan. Abraham being 100 years old would place Isaac’s birth during mankind’s 2,048th year (1948 + 100 years) or approximately 1924 BC (3972 BC – 2,048): “*And Abraham was an hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born to him. And Sarah said, God hath made me to laugh, so that **ALL that hear will laugh with me**” (Genesis 21:5, 6). Even this verse was spiritually prophetic, because the Messiah’s birth was truly a joyous occasion for all mankind! The very night Jesus was born, an angel of the Lord heralded to shepherds in a field; “*Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of GREAT JOY, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord” (Luke 2:10, 11). Truly, mankind can be forever joyful of the Savior’s birth.**

Furthermore, Abraham named the supernaturally born child “Isaac” meaning “laughter”. This was/is a very portentously fitting name for the Lord Jesus, because he will surely have the last laugh on all those who live wickedly: “*The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth. The Lord shall LAUGH at him: for he seeth that his day is coming...**FOR THE LORD LOVETH JUDGMENT**, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off” (Psalms 37:12, 13, 28). Jesus told the righteous: “*Blessed are ye that hunger now: for ye shall be filled. Blessed are ye that weep now: **for ye shall laugh**” (Luke 6:21). Yes, “laughter” was a very appropriate name to represent the coming Messiah, for someday the righteous will ALL laugh—along**

with Sarah!—because of the miraculously born Messiah.

Years passed, and then one day when Isaac was a young boy God asked Abraham to do an appalling thing: He commanded him to sacrifice his son! Listen to the account: “*And he (God) 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” (Genesis 22:2). Can you imagine Abraham’s reaction? He must have thought God went crazy!!! Is that not a stunning request from God? Yes, in that time period it surely was, but not now when we know what God was doing! God was prophesying almost 2,000 years ahead of time—by controlling the circumstances in Abraham’s life—that the Messiah would have to be offered up as a HUMAN SACRIFICE! Even the exact words God spoke to Abraham were prophesying of what HE would have to do someday with his son: “***For God so loved the world, that he gave his ONLY begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life***” (John 3:16). What poetic beauty!*

Did you notice God had a SPECIFIC mountain he wanted Abraham to offer Isaac upon in the land of Moriah? Why? Well the land of Moriah is where the city of Jerusalem would later reside. Thus, it is believed God actually led Abraham to the exact location where Jesus would be crucified almost 2,000 years later! Knowing how precise God is with things, I would not doubt this was the case. Picture Abraham standing on the very ground where the Son of God would be crucified almost 2,000 years later, playing out the part by willingly choosing to offer up his only son!!! It is truly mind-boggling to grasp God’s stealthy prophetic precision in divulging His plan of redemption. Every detail was unveiling Jesus’ future work at the cross—even the location!

If you have not already figured it out, in this story (parable) Abraham represents God, Sarah represents Mary, and Isaac represents Jesus. Watch the prophetic parable unfold with stunning exactness! Abraham prepared the wood for the burnt offering, like God would prepare (grow) the wood (tree) Jesus would be hung on: “*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 (split) the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God*

had told him” (Genesis 22:3). When they came near to the sacrifice site, Abraham told the 2 men to wait with the ass, while he and Isaac went and made the sacrifice. (The “two men” Abraham took with him pictured the 2 men who would die alongside Jesus!)

Next, Abraham gave the wood to Isaac to carry!!! Yes, Isaac carried the wood he would be sacrificed upon up a hill—probably the same hill!!!—Jesus would carry the wood he would be sacrificed upon: “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” (Genesis 22:6). How do you like God’s perfectionism in the details so far? It would not surprise me one bit if Abraham had bundled the wood in such a way that Isaac was able to carry it on his shoulders, just like Jesus would carry a wooden beam on his shoulders nearly 2,000 years later! What meticulous prophetic accuracy!

As they walked up the hill, a brief Biblically-recorded dialogue transpired between Abraham & Isaac that is the zenith of prophetic utterances. Isaac asked the infamous question: “Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” (Genesis 22:7). To which Abraham replied, “My son, God will provide HIMSELF a lamb for a burnt offering” (Genesis 22:8). Wow, these prophetic lines of dialogue are far better than the most famed “one-liners” in movies today—e.g. “I’ll be back” or “Make my day”—for truly God would provide the Lamb, and it would be His very own Son—which was Him! Therefore, in this terse exchange, God solidified the Messiah would be known as the “Lamb of God”. And sure enough, John the Baptist recognized Jesus some 2,000 years later: “The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world” (John 1:29).

Next, the Bible documents: “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” (Genesis 22:9). I told you...details, details, details! Can you visualize this amazing prophetic scene? Isaac is tied up and laid upon wood, just like Jesus would be bound upon a wooden cross. What is even more remarkable about this prophetic story (parable) is “death by crucifixion” would not be invented till around 500 BC! So

God was giving Abraham & Isaac a visual image of the future suffering of the Messiah's crucifixion at a time when they could not have possibly dreamed of the brutality of that cruel death. Friend, indubitably, God knows everything, including the future!!!

Well, you know the rest of the story; God stops Abraham right before he slays his son! Then, Abraham turned and saw a ram caught by his horns in some underbrush: *“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”* (Genesis 22:13). Hmmmm....I wonder how a lamb just happened to arrive at the perfect time? Do you know what a “ram” is? A ram is a male sheep! Friend, even the ram God provided symbolized the man Jesus. The original Hebrew word translated “ram” was “ayil”, meaning: ram, a male sheep generally more aggressive and protective of the flock. Did you catch that? When Jesus came to planet Earth, he often referred to himself as the shepherd of the flock. So he was the Lamb of God, but he was also the leader of the flock, just like the RAM caught in the thicket!

Eventually, God made the covenantal “seed promise” with Isaac, assuring the Messiah would come through his lineage: *“And the LORD appeared unto him (Isaac), and said, Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of: Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I swear unto Abraham thy father; And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and **in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed**”* (Genesis 26:2-4). In other words, Isaac became the 21st father on the direct genealogical descent to the Messiah.