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Introduction

Abraham dies at the age of one hundred and seventy-five and is buried in the Cave of Machpelah with Sarah, his wife. Abraham has passed his blessing to his son Isaac, wealth, and land.

Genesis 25:5-11

5 Abraham gave all he had to Isaac. ⁶ But to the sons of his concubines Abraham gave gifts, and while he was still living he sent them away from his son Isaac, eastward to the east country. ⁷ These are the days of the years of Abraham's life, 175 years. ⁸ Abraham breathed his last and died in a good old age, an old man and full of years, and was gathered to his people. ⁹ Isaac and Ishmael his sons buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, east of Mamre, ¹⁰ the field that Abraham purchased from the Hittites. There Abraham was buried, with Sarah his wife. ¹¹ After the death of Abraham, God blessed Isaac his son. And Isaac settled at Beer-lahai-roi. (ESV)

This passage should cause to stop and read carefully. Why? Because we are told he had sons with concubines and yet, we are told he had a wife, Keturah, with whom he had sons as well. So, is it one or the other, or has a translator read something more into it than actually is there? The important point to take notice of here is that Abraham made sure he gave them gifts and sent them away from Isaac because he knew God's promise was with Isaac and no one else. Isaac would carry the promise through to the next generation where it would pass to his son Jacob, even though he thought it was Esau, his eldest son, who should have received the promise because he was the firstborn. But, the Holy One had other plans, and the plans of men are nothing in the sight of the Lord, God, Almighty!

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Meaning: 'well of the living One that sees me,' a place in the desert

Isaac had taken up residence in Beer LaChai Roi named after the Holy One because He gave life to Isaac when It looked like he would die under the knife of his father Abraham. The Lord abhors human sacrifice because human beings are made in the image of the Holy One, are one step below the angels, and will one day be one step above them. We

stand in a place of our own making by either following Yehovah or following Satan. You need to know if either you are following your Creator, or you are following the one who rebelled against his Creator and was cast down from Heaven? He was cast down to the earth to go about stirring rebellion in the hearts of mankind. What path are you on because only you can make the choice? No one can make it for you. Be on the path that leads to Messiah and plants us firmly in the arms of our Messiah, not in the arms of the enemy, the one they call the Adversary or HaSatan!

Judges 6:1 The people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD gave them into the hand of Midian seven years. ² And the hand of Midian overpowered Israel, and because of Midian the people of Israel made for themselves the dens that are in the mountains and the caves and the strongholds. ³ For whenever the Israelites planted crops, the Midianites and the Amalekites and the people of the East would come up against them. (ESV)

When Israel transgressed against the word of the Lord, He punished them. He had no other alternative because He had tried so many times to guide them in the right direction. It's interesting to read that Yehovah used Midian to punish Israel causing them to move to the mountains. The Midianites are descended from Abraham through his relationship with Keturah who is a concubine, not a wife, in this passage from Judges. The rabbis say that Keturah was Hagar, the servant of Sarah who bore Ishmael and was cast out of Abraham's camp after Isaac was born.

1 Chronicles 1:28 The sons of Abraham: Isaac and Ishmael. ²⁹ These are their genealogies: the firstborn of Ishmael, Nebaioth, and Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam, ³⁰ Mishma, Dumah, Massa, Hadad, Tema, ³¹ Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. These are the sons of Ishmael. ³² The sons of Keturah, Abraham's concubine: she bore Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah. The sons of Jokshan: Sheba and Dedan. ³³ The sons of Midian: Ephah, Epher, Hanoch, Abida, and Eldaah. All these were the descendants of Keturah. ³⁴ Abraham fathered Isaac. The sons of Isaac: Esau and Israel. (ESV)

This passage tells us that one of the sons of Keturah, either Abraham's wife or concubine, was named Midian. It then goes on to tell us the sons of Midian placing emphasis on Midian's children and not his brother's offspring. The Patriarchs of the nation of Israel made their own beds while trying to follow their Creator. It appears that the easiest way for man to go was after false gods and not the one true God. The Spirit behind the Almighty was a living part of the Godhead, while the spirit behind the idols and false worship went to Satan, one who had rejected the true path to redemption who wanted nothing more than to bring mankind down the road to eternal condemnation with him.

1 Kings 1:28-31

28 Then King David answered, "Call Bathsheba to me." So, she came into the king's presence and stood before the king. ²⁹ And the king swore, saying, "As the LORD lives, who has redeemed my soul out of every adversity, ³⁰ as I swore to you by the LORD, the God of Israel, saying, 'Solomon your son shall reign after me, and he shall sit on my throne in my place,' even so will I do this day." ³¹ Then Bathsheba bowed with her face to

the ground and paid homage to the king and said, "May my lord King David live forever!" (ESV)

As Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob made their way in the world, they made mistakes, but they held fast to the Holy One of Israel even though they knew Him by another name. I believe they also knew the Messiah or of Him and looked to the future for that day when He would come to redeem their descendants. They believed they could choose who would take up the mantle of leadership after them only to find their choices moved aside for the Almighty's. In the Haftarah portion, King David was manipulated to choose Solomon to be the next king of Israel, even though he was not the eldest son of David but of Bathsheba, the woman with which he had committed a sin. The problem was Adonijah did not wait to be chosen king by his father but took it upon himself to take the throne by lining up the support he needed. However, we already know that David's family was a dysfunctional one with many problems, but then again, where polygamy is present problems arise, much more than those in a one husband and one wife family unit.

Bathsheba and Nathan the prophet took it upon themselves to make sure Adonijah would not become king because they knew he would be killed along with all of them. In the end, Adonijah and those who had chosen to follow him went down to defeat forfeiting their lives to make sure Solomon's throne as king would be safe, and it would be until Solomon turned against the God of Israel, went after false gods, and took polygamy to a new high along with 600 concubines. He multiplied chariots and horses to himself against the teachings of Torah, the covenant of Israel. It was the one book the king of Israel was to make a copy of and meditate on it day and night to enter into the special relationship the Almighty desired with His leaders as He did with all of those He chose to be his own from Abel to Seth to Enoch to Noah, down through history; the line of the righteous men and women of God leading to the Moshiach Yeshua.

Matthew 2:6

6 'AND YOU, BETHLEHEM, LAND OF JUDAH, ARE BY NO MEANS LEAST AMONG THE LEADERS OF JUDAH; FOR OUT OF YOU SHALL COME FORTH A RULER WHO WILL SHEPHERD MY PEOPLE ISRAEL.'" (NAU)

Who would come out of Beit Lechem or House of Bread? Bread is food that man needs to sustain himself. It would not be a mighty city in Israel, but it was chosen to show us the humility of the Messiah, the Son of the Holy One of Israel – Yeshua! I don't know if we are in the Last Days, my friends, but I say this, things are changing, and not for the better. Yet, out of this will come a period of false peace under a false leader that will lead to the revealing of the false anti-Messiah. Will it be in our lifetime? Who knows? Only God knows the future and how it will unfold. We are shown glimpses of what is coming in the Word of the Almighty. I do know this for sure – we all need redemption through Messiah Yeshua the Son of the Holy One. He is the God of Israel, and into Israel come all believers who put their faith in Yeshua and walk with Him in Torah, the way that leads to Him and shows us the road He wants us on after redemption.

The future is coming, people. We cannot hold it back, nor can we turn back time. We must turn ourselves over to Him, or everything will mean nothing in our lives. It does not make any difference to Him whether you are rich or poor, man or woman, we are all equal in the eyes of the judge, the one who will judge mankind in the end before eternity comes. Sin will die by being thrown into the Lake of Fire along with Satan. Satan will live forever in the Lake of Fire being tormented for what he had done, but we all have a choice, angel or man and woman. Choose wisely.

Torah Man says, "If God could speak through Balaam's donkey, He surely can speak through you."

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