Abraham Father of Isaac and The Jewish Nation


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Af-ter these things the word of the Lord came to A-bram in a vi-sion, say-ing, "Do not fear, A-bram, I am a shield to you; Your re-ward shall be ver-y great." A-bram said, "O Lord God, what will You give me, since I am child-less?"
And He took him out-side and said, "Now look to-ward the hea-vens, and count the stars, if you are a-ble to count them." And He said to him, "So shall your de-scen-dants be."

Now when the sun was go-ing down, a deep sleep fell up-on A-bram; and be-hold, ter-ror and great dark-ness fell upon him.
4 God said to A-bram, "Know for cer-tain that your de-scen-dants will be stran-gers in a land that is not theirs, where they will be en-slaved and op-pressed four hun-dred years.

But I will also judge the na-tion whom they will serve, and af-ter-ward they will come out with man-y po-sses-sions. As for you, you shall go to your fa-thers in peace; you will be bur-ied at a good old age."
Then in the fourth generation they will return here, for the iniquity of the Amorite is not yet complete.

Now the Lord appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, while he was sitting at the tent door in the heat of the day.
When he lift-ed up his eyes and looked, be-hold, three men were stand-ing op-po-site him; and when he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed him-self to the earth, and said, "My Lord, if now I have found fa-vor in Your sight, please do not pass Your ser-vant by."
Please let a little water be brought and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree; and I will bring a piece of bread, that you may refresh yourselves; after that you may go on, since you have visited your servant.” And they said, “So do, as you have said.”
Then they said to him, "Where is Sar-ah your wife?" And he said, "There, in the tent." He said, "I will surely return to you at this time next year; and behold, Sar-ah your wife will have a son."

And Sar-ah was listen-ing at the tent door, which was be-hind him. Now A-bra-ham and Sar-ah were old, ad-vanced in age; Sar-ah was past child-bear-ing.
Then the Lord took note of Sar-ah as He had said, and the Lord did for Sar-ah as He had pro-mised. So Sar-ah con-ceived and bore a son to A-bra-ham in his old age, at the ap-point-ed time of which God had spok-en to him. A-bra-ham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sar-ah bore to him, I-saac.
Now it came about after these things, that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!"

And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take now your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I will tell you."
So A-bra-ham rose early in the morn-ing and sad-dled his don-key, and took two of his young men with him and I-saac his son; and he split wood for the burnt off-er-ing, and a-rose and went to the place of which God had told him.

On the third day A-bra-ham raised his eyes and saw the place from a dis-tance. A-bra-ham said to his young men, “Stay here with the don-key, and I and the lad will go over there; and we will wor-ship and re-turn to you.”
A-bra-ham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on I-saac his son, and he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on to-geth-er.

I-saac spoke to A-bra-ham his fa-ther and said, "My fa-ther!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." And he said, "Be-hold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offer-ing?"
A-bra-ham said, "God will pro-vide for Him-self the lamb for the burnt off'er-ing, my son." So the two of them walked on to-geth-er.

Then they came to the place of which God had told him; and A-bra-ham built the al-tar there and ar-ranged the wood, and bound his son I-saac and laid him on the al-tar, on top of the wood.
A-bra-ham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. But the an-gel of the Lord called to him from heav-en and said, "A-bra-ham, A-bra-ham!" And he said, "Here I am."

He said, "Do not stretch out your hand a-gainst the lad, and do no-thing to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not with-held your son, your on-ly son, from Me."
Then A-bra-ham raised his eyes and looked, and be-hold, behind him a ram caught in the thick-ety by his horns;

and A-bra-ham went and took the ram and offered him up for a burnt offer-ing in the place of his son.