

Crystallization-Study Outlines

GENESIS (2)

Message Eight

The God of Abraham Seen in His Dealings with Abraham

Hymns

Scripture Reading: Acts 7:2; Gen. 12:7-8; 13:14-17; 14:17-20; 15:1; 17:1; 18:1; 24:14

- Acts 7:2 And he said, Men, brothers and fathers, listen. The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham while he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Haran,
- Gen 12:7 And Jehovah appeared to Abram and said, To your seed I will give this land. And there he built an altar to Jehovah who had appeared to him.
- Gen 12:8 And he proceeded from there to the mountain on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to Jehovah and called upon the name of Jehovah.
- Gen 13:14 And Jehovah said to Abram after Lot had separated from him, Now lift up your eyes, and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward;
- Gen 13:15 For all the land that you see I will give to you and to your seed forever.
- Gen 13:16 And I will make your seed as the dust of the earth, so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then your seed can also be numbered.
- Gen 13:17 Rise up; walk through the land according to its length and its breadth, for I will give it to you.
- Gen 14:17 And after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley).
- Gen 14:18 And Melchizedek the king of Salem brought out bread and wine. Now he was priest of God the Most High.
- Gen 14:19 And he blessed him and said, Blessed be Abram of God the Most High, / Possessor of heaven and earth;
- Gen 14:20 And blessed be God the Most High, / Who has delivered your enemies into your hand. And Abram gave him a tenth of all.
- Gen 15:1 After these things the word of Jehovah came to Abram in a vision, saying, Do not be afraid, Abram; I am your shield and your exceedingly great reward.
- Gen 17:1 And when Abram was ninety-nine years old, Jehovah appeared to Abram and said to him, I am the All-sufficient God; / Walk before Me, and be perfect.
- Gen 18:1 And Jehovah appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre as he was sitting at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day.
- Gen 24:14 And may it be that the girl to whom I say, Please let down your pitcher that I may drink, and who says, Drink, and I will also give your camels a drink, may she be the one whom You have appointed for Your servant, for Isaac; and in this I will know that You have shown kindness to my master.

I. The God of Abraham (Exo. 3:15) is seen in His dealings with Abraham as follows:

Exo 3:15 And God also said to Moses, Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, Jehovah, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name forever, and this is My memorial from generation to generation.

A. The God of Abraham is the God of glory, in His first appearing with His first calling and His first speaking to Abraham, as the vast magnet and the great motivation to Abraham that moved him to come out of the country of satanic idolatry— Gen. 11:31; Acts 7:2-4a:

Gen 11:31 And Terah took Abram his son and Lot the son of Haran, his son's son, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife; and they went out together from Ur of the Chaldeans to go to the land of Canaan, but when they came to Haran they settled there.

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Acts 7:3 And said to him, "Come out from your land and from your relatives, and come into the land which I will show you."

Acts 7:4a Then he came forth from the land of the Chaldeans and dwelt in Haran. ...

1. Through His repeated appearing to Abraham, God transfused Himself into him, causing him to experience a spiritual infusion— Gen. 12:1-3, 7-8; 13:14-17; 15:1-7; Rom. 4:3; Gen. 18:17-19; cf. Acts 26:16; 22:14-15.

- Gen 12:1 Now Jehovah said to Abram, Go from your land / And from your relatives / And from your father's house / To the land that I will show you;
- Gen 12:2 And I will make of you a great nation, / And I will bless you / And make your name great; / And you shall be a blessing.
- Gen 12:3 And I will bless those who bless you, / And him who curses you I will curse; / And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.
- Gen 12:7 And Jehovah appeared to Abram and said, To your seed I will give this land. And there he built an altar to Jehovah who had appeared to him.
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- Gen 13:15 For all the land that you see I will give to you and to your seed forever.
- Gen 13:16 And I will make your seed as the dust of the earth, so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then your seed can also be numbered.
- Gen 13:17 Rise up; walk through the land according to its length and its breadth, for I will give it to you.
- Gen 15:1 After these things the word of Jehovah came to Abram in a vision, saying, Do not be afraid, Abram; I am your shield and your exceedingly great reward.
- Gen 15:2 And Abram said, O Lord Jehovah, what will You give me, for I go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?
- Gen 15:3 And Abram said, Since You have given me no seed, therefore, a servant in my house is my heir.
- Gen 15:4 But then the word of Jehovah came to him, saying, This man shall not be your heir, but he who will come out from your own body shall be your heir.
- Gen 15:5 And He brought him outside and said, Look now toward the heavens, and count the stars, if you are able to count them. And He said to him, So shall your seed be.
- Gen 15:6 And he believed Jehovah, and He accounted it to him as righteousness.
- Gen 15:7 Then He said to him, I am Jehovah who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to inherit it.
- Rom 4:3 For what does the Scripture say? "And Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him as righteousness."
- Gen 18:17 And Jehovah said, Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do,
- Gen 18:18 Since Abraham will indeed become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth will be blessed in him?
- Gen 18:19 For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him to keep the way of Jehovah by doing righteousness and justice, that Jehovah may bring upon Abraham what He has spoken concerning him.
- Acts 26:16 But rise up and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a minister and a witness both of the things in which you have seen Me and of the things in which I will appear to you;
- Acts 22:14 And he said, The God of our fathers has previously appointed you to know His will and to see the righteous One and to hear the voice from His mouth;
- Acts 22:15 For you will be a witness to Him unto all men of the things which you have seen and heard.

2. Abraham was able to reach Canaan because God was persistent; God holds His people fast; He is a God who will not let go— John 10:28-30; Jude 24.

- John 10:28 And I give to them eternal life, and they shall by no means perish forever, and no one shall snatch them out of My hand.
- John 10:29 My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of My Father's hand.

- John 10:30 I and the Father are one.
 Jude 24 But to Him who is able to guard you from stumbling and to set you before His glory without blemish in exultation,
3. God was revealed to Abraham as the Justifier of His believing people who have been transfused with Him as their believing element to be their faith, which is their appreciation of Him as a divine reaction to His attraction— Gen. 15:1-6; Heb. 12:1-2a; Gal. 2:20.
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 Gen 15:6 And he believed Jehovah, and He accounted it to him as righteousness.
 Heb 12:1 Therefore let us also, having so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, put away every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us and run with endurance the race which is set before us,
 Heb 12:2a Looking away unto Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith, ...
 Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.
- B. The God of Abraham is the God of blessing, in His second calling with His second speaking to Abraham, promising him that He would make of him a great country, make his name great, and make him a blessing to others and that all the families of the earth would be blessed in him; this attracted Abraham to go into the good land of the divine promise — Gen. 12:1-4:
- Gen 12:1 Now Jehovah said to Abram, Go from your land / And from your relatives / And from your father's house / To the land that I will show you;
 Gen 12:2 And I will make of you a great nation, / And I will bless you / And make your name great; / And you shall be a blessing.
 Gen 12:3 And I will bless those who bless you, / And him who curses you I will curse; / And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.
 Gen 12:4 So Abram went as Jehovah had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. Now Abram was seventy-five years old when he went out of Haran.
1. According to Galatians 3:14, the blessing promised here is actually God Himself as the Spirit; the greatest blessing is the Triune God—the Father, Son, and Spirit—as the processed, all-inclusive, life-giving Spirit dwelling in us in a most subjective way for our enjoyment—6:18; Phil. 1:19.
- Gal 3:14 In order that the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.
 Gal 6:18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.
 Phil 1:19 For I know that for me this will turn out to salvation through your petition and the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,
2. Whoever curses God's people receives a curse, and whoever blesses God's people receives a blessing—Num. 23:21; 24:5, 9; cf. 1 Cor. 1:2; 2 Cor. 5:17.
- Num 23:21 He has not beheld iniquity in Jacob, / Nor has He seen trouble in Israel; / Jehovah their God is with them, / And the shout of a king is among them.
 Num 24:5 How fair are your tents, O Jacob, / Your tabernacles, O Israel!
 Num 24:9 He couches; he lies down like a lion / And like a lioness; who will rouse him up? / Blessed is everyone who blesses you, / And cursed is everyone who curses you.

- 1 Cor 1:2 To the church of God which is in Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, the called saints, with all those who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ in every place, who is theirs and ours:
- 2 Cor 5:17 So then if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old things have passed away; behold, they have become new.
- C. The God of Abraham is the God of the earth, in His second appearing with His third speaking, in promising Abraham that He would give the land of Canaan to his seed— Gen. 12:6-7.
- Gen 12:6 And Abram passed through the land to the place of Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. And at that time the Canaanites were in the land.
- Gen 12:7 And Jehovah appeared to Abram and said, To your seed I will give this land. And there he built an altar to Jehovah who had appeared to him.
- D. The God of Abraham is the God of secret care for His elect, in saving Abraham from Pharaoh's insulting of his wife — vv. 10-20.
- Gen 12:10 And there was a famine in the land; and Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, for the famine was severe in the land.
- Gen 12:11 And when he was about to enter into Egypt, he said to Sarai his wife, I know indeed that you are a beautiful woman to look at;
- Gen 12:12 And when the Egyptians see you, they will say, This is his wife, and they will kill me; but they will keep you alive.
- Gen 12:13 Now say you are my sister, that it may be well with me on account of you and I may live because of you.
- Gen 12:14 And it came about that when Abram came to Egypt, the Egyptians saw that the woman was very beautiful.
- Gen 12:15 And Pharaoh's officials saw her and praised her before Pharaoh, and the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house.
- Gen 12:16 And he treated Abram well on account of her, and there were to him sheep and oxen and donkeys and male servants and female servants and female donkeys and camels.
- Gen 12:17 And Jehovah struck Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife.
- Gen 12:18 And Pharaoh called Abram and said, What is this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife?
- Gen 12:19 Why did you say, She is my sister, so that I took her to be my wife? Now then here is your wife; take her and go.
- Gen 12:20 And Pharaoh commanded his men concerning him, and they sent him away with his wife and all that he had.
- E. The God of Abraham is the God of comfort and encouragement, in His fourth speaking, after Lot left Abraham, in promising to give to Abraham and to his seed the land of Canaan as far as he could see in four directions and to make his seed as numerous as the dust of the earth—13:14-17:
- Gen 13:14 And Jehovah said to Abram after Lot had separated from him, Now lift up your eyes, and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward;
- Gen 13:15 For all the land that you see I will give to you and to your seed forever.
- Gen 13:16 And I will make your seed as the dust of the earth, so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then your seed can also be numbered.
- Gen 13:17 Rise up; walk through the land according to its length and its breadth, for I will give it to you.
1. Christ as the seed of Abraham must be wrought into us so that He may be brought forth through us for His increase— Gal. 3:16; 1:15-16; 2:20; 4:19.
- Gal 3:16 But to Abraham were the promises spoken and to his seed. He does not say, And to the seeds, as concerning many, but as concerning one: "And to your seed," who is Christ.
- Gal 1:15 But when it pleased God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me through His grace,
- Gal 1:16 To reveal His Son in me that I might announce Him as the gospel among the

- Gentiles, immediately I did not confer with flesh and blood,
 Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives
 in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith in the Son
 of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.
- Gal 4:19 My children, with whom I travail again in birth until Christ is formed in you,
2. The land of Canaan signifies the all-inclusive Christ as the all-inclusive Spirit in our spirit for our enjoyment so that we may be constituted with Him for His corporate expression—Col. 1:12; 2:6-7; Gal. 3:14; 5:16, 25.
- Col 1:12 Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you for a share of the allotted portion of the saints in the light;
- Col 2:6 As therefore you have received the Christ, Jesus the Lord, walk in Him,
- Col 2:7 Having been rooted and being built up in Him, and being established in the faith even as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.
- Gal 3:14 In order that the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.
- Gal 5:16 But I say, Walk by the Spirit and you shall by no means fulfill the lust of the flesh.
- Gal 5:25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.
- F. The God of Abraham is God the Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth, in His divine supply with His blessing to Abraham through His priest Melchizedek after Abraham fought the battle against the four kings—Gen. 14:17-20.
- Gen 14:17 And after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley).
- Gen 14:18 And Melchizedek the king of Salem brought out bread and wine. Now he was priest of God the Most High.
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- G. The God of Abraham is the God of shield and great reward, in His fifth speaking (this time in a vision) to Abraham, when he was afraid of the four kings' avenging, in pointing out to Abraham that his heavenly seed in their divine nature would be as many as the stars in heaven who could never be touched by anyone on earth; Abraham believed in Jehovah, and Jehovah accounted it to him as righteousness—15:1-6.
- Gen 15:1 After these things the word of Jehovah came to Abram in a vision, saying, Do not be afraid, Abram; I am your shield and your exceedingly great reward.
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- H. The God of Abraham is the God of faithfulness, in foretelling to Abraham, in His sixth speaking to him in his deep sleep, that his earthly seed in their human nature would be sojourners in Egypt, serve the Egyptians, be afflicted by them for four hundred years, and in their fourth generation return to Canaan; and He is the God of faithfulness, in making a covenant with him that He would give to his seed the land from the river of Egypt to the Great River, Euphrates—vv. 12-21.
- Gen 15:12 And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, behold, a terror and great darkness fell upon him.
- Gen 15:13 And He said to Abram, Know assuredly that your seed will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs, and they will serve them; and they will afflict them four hundred

- years.
- Gen 15:14 But I will also judge that nation, whom they will serve, and afterward they will come out with great possessions.
- Gen 15:15 But as for you, you will go to your fathers in peace; you will be buried in a good old age.
- Gen 15:16 And in the fourth generation they will come here again, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.
- Gen 15:17 And when the sun went down and it was dark, there came a smoking furnace and a torch of fire which passed between these pieces.
- Gen 15:18 On that day Jehovah made a covenant with Abram, saying, To your seed do I give this land, / From the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates:
- Gen 15:19 The land of the Kenites and the Kenizzites and the Kadmonites
- Gen 15:20 And the Hittites and the Perizzites and the Rephaim
- Gen 15:21 And the Amorites and the Canaanites and the Girgashites and the Jebusites.
- I. The God of Abraham is the God of silence, due to the fact that Abraham listened to his wife Sarah and married Hagar to get a son by the exercise of his flesh when he was eighty-six years old (16:1-4, 15-16); then God became silent to Abraham for thirteen years, until he became ninety-nine years old, and God appeared to him again (17:1).
- Gen 16:1 Now Sarai, Abram's wife, bore him no children; and she had an Egyptian female servant, whose name was Hagar.
- Gen 16:2 And Sarai said to Abram, Because Jehovah has prevented me from bearing, please go in to my female servant; perhaps I will have children through her. And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai.
- Gen 16:3 So after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar the Egyptian, her female servant, and gave her to Abram her husband to be a wife.
- Gen 16:4 And he went in to Hagar, and she conceived; and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes.
- Gen 16:5 And Hagar bore Abram a son, and Abram called the name of his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael.
- Gen 16:6 And Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram.
- Gen 17:1 And when Abram was ninety-nine years old, Jehovah appeared to Abram and said to him, I am the All-sufficient God; / Walk before Me, and be perfect.
- J. The God of Abraham is the God of all-sufficiency, in His third appearing with His seventh speaking to Abraham, in being the God of circumcision to cut off His chosen people's natural man in the flesh that they may become God's new creation, signified by Isaac who was born by God's grace, not by Ishmael who was born by Abraham's flesh—vv. 1-21; Gal. 4:22-31:
- Gen 17:1 And when Abram was ninety-nine years old, Jehovah appeared to Abram and said to him, I am the All-sufficient God; / Walk before Me, and be perfect.
- Gen 17:2 And I will make My covenant between Me and you, / And I will multiply you exceedingly.
- Gen 17:3 And Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying,
- Gen 17:4 As for Me, this is My covenant with you, / And you shall become the father of a multitude of nations.
- Gen 17:5 Your name shall no longer be called Abram, / But your name shall be Abraham; / For I have made you the father of a multitude of nations.
- Gen 17:6 And I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings will come forth from you.
- Gen 17:7 And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your seed after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your seed after you.
- Gen 17:8 And I will give to you and to your seed after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.
- Gen 17:9 And God said to Abraham, And as for you, you shall keep My covenant, you and your seed after you throughout their generations.
- Gen 17:10 This is My covenant, which you shall keep, between Me and you and your seed after

you: Every male among you shall be circumcised.

Gen 17:11 And you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskin, and it shall be a sign of a covenant between Me and you.

Gen 17:12 And he who is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every male throughout your generations, he who is born in the house or bought with money from any foreigner who is not of your seed.

Gen 17:13 He who is born in your house and he who is bought with your money must be circumcised; thus My covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.

Gen 17:14 But as for the uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, that person shall be cut off from his people; he has broken My covenant.

Gen 17:15 And God said to Abraham, As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but her name shall be Sarah.

Gen 17:16 And I will bless her, and I will also give you a son by her. Indeed, I will bless her, and she will be a mother of nations; kings of peoples will come forth from her.

Gen 17:17 Then Abraham fell upon his face and laughed and said in his heart, Will a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? And will Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?

Gen 17:18 And Abraham said to God, Oh that Ishmael might live before You!

Gen 17:19 But God said, No, but Sarah your wife will bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac; and I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant for his seed after him.

Gen 17:20 And as for Ishmael, I have heard you; indeed, I have blessed him and will make him fruitful and will multiply him exceedingly. Twelve princes will he beget, and I will make of him a great nation.

Gen 17:21 But My covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah will bear to you at this appointed time next year.

Gal 4:22 For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one of the maid servant and one of the free woman.

Gal 4:23 However the one of the maid servant was born according to the flesh, but the one of the free woman was born through promise.

Gal 4:24 These things are spoken allegorically, for these women are two covenants, one from Mount Sinai, bringing forth children unto slavery, which is Hagar.

Gal 4:25 Now this Hagar is Sinai the mountain in Arabia and corresponds to the Jerusalem which now is, for she is in slavery with her children.

Gal 4:26 But the Jerusalem above is free, which is our mother;

Gal 4:27 For it is written, "Rejoice, barren one who does not bear; break forth and shout, you who are not travailing, because many are the children of her who is desolate rather than of her who has her husband."

Gal 4:28 But you, brothers, in the way Isaac was, are children of promise.

Gal 4:29 But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now.

Gal 4:30 But what does the Scripture say? "Cast out the maid servant and her son, for the son of the maid servant shall by no means inherit with the son of the free woman."

Gal 4:31 So then, brothers, we are not children of the maid servant but of the free woman.

1. God is revealed as the All-sufficient God (Heb. *El Shaddai*) for His believing ones to walk in His presence, constantly enjoying Him and His all-sufficient supply, and to have God added to them as the element and factor of their perfection— Gen. 17:1.
Gen 17:1 And when Abram was ninety-nine years old, Jehovah appeared to Abram and said to him, I am the All-sufficient God; / Walk before Me, and be perfect.
2. The divine title *El Shaddai* is composed of two Hebrew words—*El* means “the Mighty One,” and *Shaddai* comes from the Hebrew word meaning “breast” or “udder.”
3. Thus, God is the Mighty One with an udder, the all-sufficient Mighty One to be the Nourisher, Strength-giver, and bountiful Supplier of His called ones, who continually receive Him—Phil. 1:19-21a; Gal. 3:2, 5; John 1:16.
Phil 1:19 For I know that for me this will turn out to salvation through your petition and the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

- Phil 1:20 According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I will be put to shame, but with all boldness, as always, even now Christ will be magnified in my body, whether through life or through death.
- Phil 1:21a For to me, to live is Christ ...
- Gal 3:2 This only I wish to learn from you, Did you receive the Spirit out of the works of law or out of the hearing of faith?
- Gal 3:5 He therefore who bountifully supplies to you the Spirit and does works of power among you, does He do it out of the works of law or out of the hearing of faith?
- John 1:16 For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace.
4. The All-sufficient God is the God of crucifixion for the termination of our natural man in the flesh and the God of resurrection for the germination of our new man for the new creation— Gen. 17:1-21; 22:1-10; Col. 2:11; Gal. 5:24; 1 Pet. 1:3; 2 Cor. 5:17; Phil. 3:3.
- Gen 17:1~21 (be omitted.)
- Gen 22:1 Now after these things God tested Abraham and said to him, Abraham. And he said, Here I am.
- Gen 22:2 And 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.
- Gen 22:3 And Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey and took two of his young men with him and Isaac his son. And he split the wood for the burnt offering and rose up and went to the place of which God had told him.
- Gen 22:4 On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar.
- Gen 22:5 And Abraham said to his young men, Stay here with the donkey; and I and the boy will go over there, and we will worship; and then we will return to you.
- Gen 22:6 And Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and laid it upon Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. And the two of them walked together.
- Gen 22:7 And Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, My father! And he said, Here I am, my son. And he said, The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?
- Gen 22:8 And Abraham said, God Himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son. So the two of them walked on together.
- Gen 22:9 And they came to the place of which God had told him. And 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.
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- Col 2:11 In Him also you were circumcised with a circumcision not made with hands, in the putting off of the body of the flesh, in the circumcision of Christ,
- Gal 5:24 But they who are of Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and its lusts.
- 1 Pet 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has regenerated us unto a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
- 2 Cor 5:17 So then if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old things have passed away; behold, they have become new.
- Phil 3:3 For we are the circumcision, the ones who serve by the Spirit of God and boast in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh,
- K. The God of Abraham is the God with His human friendship, in His coming (in His fourth appearing with His eighth speaking to Abraham) as a man, in the form of a man, to visit Abraham as His friend (2 Chron. 20:7; Isa. 41:8; James 2:23) on the level of humanity, with whom Abraham walked and who conversed with Abraham as a human friend with a human friend, concerning His judgment of Sodom, where His friend's nephew Lot and his family lived— Gen. 18—19.
- 2 Chron 20:7 Did You not, O our God, dispossess the inhabitants of this land before Your people Israel and give it forever to the seed of Abraham Your friend?
- Isa 41:8 But you, Israel, My servant, / Jacob, whom I have chosen, / The seed of Abraham My

- friend;
- James 2:23 And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "And Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him as righteousness"; and he was called the friend of God.
- Gen 18, 19 (be omitted.)
- L. The God of Abraham is the God with friendship in humanity, in sending Abraham's nephew and his two daughters out from the overthrow of Sodom, for the remembrance of Abraham as His intimate friend—vv. 29, 12-22.
- Gen 19:29 And when God destroyed the cities of the plain, God remembered Abraham and sent Lot out from the midst of the overthrow, when He overthrew the cities among which Lot dwelt.
- Gen 19:12 And the men said to Lot, Whom else do you have here? A son-in-law or your sons and your daughters or anyone you have in the city-bring them out of the place.
- Gen 19:13 For we are about to destroy this place, because their outcry has become so great before Jehovah that Jehovah has sent us to destroy it.
- Gen 19:14 And Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who were to marry his daughters, and said, Rise up; go forth from this place, for Jehovah will destroy the city. But it seemed to his sons-in-law as though he were joking.
- Gen 19:15 And when the morning dawned, the angels urged Lot, saying, Rise up; take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be destroyed in the iniquity of the city.
- Gen 19:16 But he lingered; so the men seized his hand and the hand of his wife and the hand of his two daughters, Jehovah being merciful to him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city.
- Gen 19:17 And when they had brought them outside, He said, Escape for your life. Do not look behind you, neither stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the hills, lest you be destroyed.
- Gen 19:18 And Lot said to them, May it not be so, Lord;
- Gen 19:19 Even though Your servant has found favor in Your sight, and You have magnified Your lovingkindness, which You have showed to me in preserving my life; I cannot escape to the mountain, lest the disaster overtake me and I die.
- Gen 19:20 Here, this city is nearby to flee to, and it is a little one. Please let me escape there-is it not a little one?-and I shall live.
- Gen 19:21 And He said to him, I now grant you this request also, that I will not overthrow the city concerning which you have spoken.
- Gen 19:22 Hurry, escape there; for I cannot do anything until you arrive there. Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.
- M. The God of Abraham is the almighty God with His friendly care, in saving His close friend Abraham, with His almighty power, from the loss of his wife to Abimelech, king of Gerar— ch. 20.
- Gen 20:1 And Abraham journeyed from there toward the region of the Negev and dwelt between Kadesh and Shur; then he sojourned in Gerar.
- Gen 20:2 And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, She is my sister. And Abimelech the king of Gerar sent and took Sarah.
- Gen 20:3 But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night and said to him, You are now about to die because of the woman whom you have taken, for she is a man's wife.
- Gen 20:4 But Abimelech had not come near her, so he said, Lord, will You slay even a righteous nation?
- Gen 20:5 Did he himself not say to me, She is my sister? And even she herself said, He is my brother. In the integrity of my heart and the innocence of my hands I have done this.
- Gen 20:6 And God said to him in the dream, Yes, I know that in the integrity of your heart you have done this, and I also prevented you from sinning against Me; therefore I did not let you touch her.
- Gen 20:7 Now therefore return the man's wife, for he is a prophet; and he will pray for you, and you will live. But if you do not return her, know that you shall surely die, you and all who are yours.
- Gen 20:8 And Abimelech rose early in the morning and called all his servants and spoke all these things in their hearing. And the men were very afraid.
- Gen 20:9 Then Abimelech called Abraham and said to him, What have you done to us? And how have I sinned against you, that you have brought on me and on my kingdom a

- great sin? You have done to me things that ought not to be done.
- Gen 20:10 And Abimelech said to Abraham, What were you thinking, that you have done this thing?
- Gen 20:11 And Abraham said, Because I thought, Surely there is no fear of God in this place, and they will slay me because of my wife.
- Gen 20:12 But she is also truly my sister, the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife.
- Gen 20:13 And when God caused me to wander from my father's house, I said to her, This is your kindness which you must do to me: At every place where we go, say of me, He is my brother.
- Gen 20:14 Then Abimelech took sheep and oxen and male servants and female servants, and gave them to Abraham; and he returned Sarah his wife to him.
- Gen 20:15 And Abimelech said, My land is now before you; dwell wherever it pleases you.
- Gen 20:16 And to Sarah he said, I have now given your brother a thousand pieces of silver. It is now your vindication in the eyes of all who are with you. And in every respect you have been cleared.
- Gen 20:17 And Abraham prayed to God; and God healed Abimelech and his wife and his female servants, so that they bore children.
- Gen 20:18 For Jehovah had completely shut up all the wombs of the house of Abimelech because of Sarah, Abraham's wife.
- N. The God of Abraham is the God of changelessness in keeping the principle of His grace, in recognizing Isaac, his son of Sarah, as his only son, in His ninth speaking to Abraham—21:1-12.
- Gen 21:1 And Jehovah visited Sarah as He had said, and Jehovah did to Sarah as He had promised.
- Gen 21:2 And Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the appointed time of which God had spoken to him.
- Gen 21:3 And Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore to him, Isaac.
- Gen 21:4 And Abraham circumcised Isaac his son when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him.
- Gen 21:5 And Abraham was a hundred years old when Isaac his son was born to him.
- Gen 21:6 And Sarah said, God has made me laugh; everyone who hears will laugh with me.
- Gen 21:7 And she said, Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.
- Gen 21:8 And the child grew and was weaned. And Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned.
- Gen 21:9 And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, mocking.
- Gen 21:10 So she said to Abraham, Cast out this maidservant and her son, for the son of this maidservant shall not inherit with my son Isaac.
- Gen 21:11 And the matter displeased Abraham greatly on account of his son.
- Gen 21:12 And God said to Abraham, Do not be displeased on account of the boy and on account of your maidservant. Whatever Sarah says to you, listen to her voice, for in Isaac shall your seed be called.
- O. The God of Abraham is the God with His trial, in proving Abraham, His intimate human friend, by asking him to present his only son, whom he loved, for a burnt offering to Him, in His tenth speaking to Abraham—22:1-10.
- Gen 22:1 Now after these things God tested Abraham and said to him, Abraham. And he said, Here I am.
- Gen 22:2 And 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.
- Gen 22:3 And Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey and took two of his young men with him and Isaac his son. And he split the wood for the burnt offering and rose up and went to the place of which God had told him.
- Gen 22:4 On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar.
- Gen 22:5 And Abraham said to his young men, Stay here with the donkey; and I and the boy

- will go over there, and we will worship; and then we will return to you.
- Gen 22:6 And Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and laid it upon Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. And the two of them walked together.
- Gen 22:7 And Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, My father! And he said, Here I am, my son. And he said, The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?
- Gen 22:8 And Abraham said, God Himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son. So the two of them walked on together.
- Gen 22:9 And they came to the place of which God had told him. And 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.
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- P. The God of Abraham is the Triune God of provision (Heb. *Jehovah-jireh*), in His providing a ram to replace Isaac for a burnt offering to Him (as the Angel of Jehovah— Christ), in His eleventh speaking to Abraham—vv. 11-14.
- Gen 22:11 And the Angel of Jehovah called to him from the heavens and said, Abraham, Abraham. And he said, Here I am.
- Gen 22:12 And He said, Do not stretch out your hand upon the boy, nor do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.
- Gen 22:13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram, caught in the thicket by its horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up for a burnt offering in place of his son.
- Gen 22:14 And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-jireh, as it is said to this day, On the mount of Jehovah it will be provided.
- Q. The God of Abraham is the Triune God of blessing, in His twelfth (last) speaking to Abraham, promising him that He (as the Angel of Jehovah— Christ) would bless him and multiply his seed like the stars of the heavens and like the sand upon the seashore and that in his seed (Christ) would all the nations of the earth be blessed—vv. 15-18.
- Gen 22:15 And the Angel of Jehovah called to Abraham a second time from the heavens
- Gen 22:16 And said, By Myself I have sworn, declares Jehovah: Because you have done this thing and have not withheld your son, your only son,
- Gen 22:17 I will surely bless you and will greatly multiply your seed like the stars of the heavens and like the sand which is on the seashore; and your seed shall possess the gate of his enemies.
- Gen 22:18 And in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.
- R. The God of Abraham is the God of friendship on the human level, in leading the old servant of His friend Abraham to secure a wife for his son Isaac— ch. 24.
- Gen 24 (be omitted.)
- II. As a whole, the God of Abraham is the God of speaking in His appearing, with calling, in a vision, and in the human friendship, to unveil to His intimate friend on the earth what He aspired for him to be and what He wanted him to do according to His heart's desire for the accomplishment of the eternal economy for the Divine Trinity.**