THE OATH OF BEERSHEBA

SUMMARY

This paper opens the prophetic mysteries sealed in the Bible account of Genesis 21.

Our interpretations are not based on creative imagination — our conclusions are based in the gematria (numerical weights) of the Hebrew letters in the account of Genesis 21. We show there are prophetic links between every single Hebrew word in Genesis 21 and a parallel Bible chapter and verse. Each word in Genesis 21 maps to a specific Bible verse. When all the linked verses are read in sequence they shine a light on the interpretation of the verse in Gen. 21!

We first present to you our general prophetic interpretation of Genesis 21. Later in the paper we demonstrate the prophetic links for each of the verses in Genesis 21 which points to our interpretation. This is a huge undertaking — worthy of a prophetic jewel of a chapter in Genesis.

The central message is this: **Judgment comes to all faiths which break their covenant.** This sacred truth applies to the covenant people of Abraham: Jews, Christians, and Moslems. Islam is a covenant people portrayed in the Bible as the Gibeonites. Their right to the Holy Land is not as sons but, according to the oath of Joshua and the elders, as special servants¹.

In prophecy a historical person can represent more than one people or group in the future²:

- Long suffering **Sarah** (*first Jewish apostles*) births promised **Isaac** (*believers in Jesus*)
- **Ishmael** (*Jews who reject Jesus*), son of **Hagar** (*Mt. Horeb Covenant*), mocks **Isaac**
- **Sarah** says ‘Get rid of that slave woman’ (*unbelieving Jews exiled from Holy Land*)
- **Abraham** (*the LORD God Almighty — covenant maker*) listens to **Sarah**
- **Hagar and Ishmael go off** (*Jews exiled*) into the **Desert of Beersheba** (*Gentile lands*)
- **Ishmael is placed under a bush to die** (*exiled Jews are doomed to abandon their faith*)
  / The prophetic identity of the characters changes when a people change their God /
- **God hears the boy crying** (*Muhammed calls out to God in 7th century*)
- **Angel** speaks to **Hagar** (*followers of Islam*) ‘lift the boy up’ (*Muhammed is Caliph!*)
- **Angel** promises to **Hagar** ‘I will make him a great nation’ (*Islamic Caliphate*)
- **Hagar** saw a well of water (*Muhammed accepted as a prophet of God*)
- He lived in the desert and the **boy became an archer**³ (*servant of God’s judgment*)
- His mother got him a wife from **Egypt**⁴ (*Islam will have worshipers within America*)

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¹ Please read our paper ‘*The Pool of Gibeon*’ on Page 4 PROPHECY on our site www.biblenumbersforlife.com
² The prophetic identity of Sarah and Hagar are indisputable: their types are set forth in Galatians chapter 4.
³ The Archer is Sagittarius in the stars. Please see our paper ‘*Sagittarius / The Archer*’ on Page 7 STARS
⁴ In Last Days prophecy **America** is **Ephraim** — second son of Joseph, born in **Egypt**, most blessed son of Jacob.
Before we go further, dear reader, do you think it strange that the prophetic identity of Ishmael could switch from the second diaspora Jews to Islam in this passage? Consider carefully that Israel received her laws from Mount Horeb – which is not located in Egypt (Sinai Peninsula) but is in Arabia. This fact is attested by Paul in Galatians 4:25. Both the nation of Israel and the nation of Islam have covenants sealed in Arabia. At Mount Horeb Jehovah made a covenant of tenancy agreement with Israel (Lev. 25:23) as aliens they occupy the Holy Land with rights: similar to Joshua’s covenant with the Gibeonites – just more generous terms. Like Gibeonites, the nation of Israel are slaves to God (Ezra 9:6-9) not sons of the promise like Isaac (Gal. 4:1-7).

The next passage has two prophetic fulfillments. (1st) The Days of Isaac (Age of Grace) which includes Ishmael Crying of Thirst (exiled apostate Jews) and Ishmael Drinking (nation of Islam).

- **Abimelech** (King of Gentile Kings) and Phicol (Pagan Religious Leaders) approach Abraham (LORD Almighty covenant maker) with a request: Abrahamic believers (Jews, Christians, Moslems) will dwell peaceably in Gentile Lands and show kindness to them.
- **Abraham** (LORD Almighty covenant maker) complains about a well (Messiah Jesus Christ) servants of Abimelech (Roman soldiers) seized (crucified).
- **Abimelech** (Roman Caesar) claims this was done without his knowledge (huh?)
- **Abraham** brings Sheep (the Jews who converted to faith in Jesus) and Cattle (the Jews who rejected Christ) and gives them to Abimelech (settles them in Gentile lands).

This first fulfillment (1st) of the Beersheba Covenant begins at the time and place where Genesis 21 begins: THE BIRTH OF ISAAC, (i.e. the feast of Pentecost following the Cross). **Abimelech** (Roman Caesar: King of Gentile Kings) is concerned about exiled Jews and Christian Jews who will resettle in Gentile lands. This covenant is perpetual – therefore it will also apply to Moslems who come in a later time. In exchange for their protection by Gentile Kings – freedom to practice their faith - Abraham swears his believers will come peaceably.

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5 For a detailed examination of the Scriptural evidence see our paper ‘Wilderness Wanderings’ Page 10 TIME
The second fulfillment (2\textsuperscript{nd}) of the Beersheba Covenant takes place at THE DEATH OF ISAAC. According to the New Testament, Christianity will not last forever. In the Apocalypse of the Book of Revelations the LORD tells John the lampstand of the Church will be taken away if Christians do not keep their covenant with Jesus [this is the Theme of Genesis 21]. ‘If you do not repent – I will remove your lampstand from its place’ (Rev.2:5). Once Christians are gone at the Rapture, Islam and apostate Jews will reconcile through a Binding Covenant.

Genesis 21 predicts not only the end of Christianity, but the end of Judaism and Islam too. Judaism was superseded by Christianity at the Cross. Islam will be destroyed during the Great Tribulation. The Millennium is a new Kingdom that surpasses and replaces Christianity, Judaism, and Islam. It is the tree Abraham plants at the end of Genesis 21.

/ Isaac dies - the prophetic identity of the characters in Gen. 21 changes again /

- Abimelech (Aaronic High Priest) and Phicol (Satan in Person)\textsuperscript{6} approach Abraham (Supreme Islamic Caliph of the World) with a bargain: Abrahamic believers (United Nation of One World Islam) will show kindness to the Gentiles (apostate Jews)
- Abraham (Supreme Islamic Caliph) complains about a well (the Torah) servants (remnant Jews who revere the Torah) of Abimelech (Aaronic High Priest) seized (it will be against Islamic law to possess the Torah)
- Abimelech (Aaronic High Priest) claims this was done without his knowledge [Aaron himself cares nothing for the Torah – he is the Chief of Apostate World Jewry]
- Abraham (Supreme Islamic Caliph of the World) brings Sheep (the apostate Jews who live in Palestine) and Cattle (the apostate Jews who live outside of Palestine) and gives them to Abimelech (Aaronic High Priest). All apostate world Jews will be forced to resettle in Palestine. Aaron gets all the Jews. Abraham gets absolute authority.

Why does Isaac die? Isaac dies when he changes his God. The God of Isaac is the God of Abraham. However, in the Last Days Christians in the hundreds of millions will bow before religious leaders of all sorts – Catholic priests, Orthodox priests, and paid ministerial hirelings of Protestant denominations. Isaac is the son of the Free Woman Sarah (Gal. 4:26-31). When Isaac surrenders his spiritual freedom and he places himself under the authority of men – like Ishmael was placed ‘under the bush’ by Hagar – Isaac is doomed to die. The ‘bush’ is a Bible type of the authority of men – the ‘bush’ signifying the scrotal hair of a man!

In order to make the profession ‘Jesus is LORD’ a Christian saint must not be under the authority of a man – a priest of man’s religion. To surrender to religious authority is to deny divine authority. Jesus said ‘all authority in Heaven and Earth is given to Me’. His authority was never delegated. His instructions are: ‘Go and make disciples of Me.’ (Matt. 28:18-20)

\textsuperscript{6} The Holy Spirit is gone – at the dark hour of this covenant the Earth is under the dominion of Satan
Now we come to the **Seven Ewe Lambs**. If the **Sheep** of Abraham are the Jewish apostles who first took the faith to Gentile lands, then the **Ewe Lambs** are *believers in Gentile lands* who are birthed, come to faith, by the **Sheep**; i.e. by the preaching, of the first Jewish apostles. [Note carefully – the Jewish apostles are stylized as *female* sheep under *one Ram* – the Lord Jesus]

- **Abraham** (*LORD Almighty covenant maker*) sets apart (*as holy to God*) **Seven Ewe Lambs** (*Gentile believers in Jesus*) from the **Flock** (*converted Jews*).
- **Abraham** says to **Abimelech** (*King of Gentile Kings*): ‘Accept these **Seven Ewe Lambs**’ (*Gentile believers in Jesus*) as ‘a witness that I dug this well’: (they testify ‘Jesus is LORD’)
- The place is called **Beersheba** (*Agreement for Abrahamic Believers to Dwell Together Peacefully in Gentile Lands in return for protection*): or **Oath of Seven** (*Gentile Believers in Jesus are permitted to worship so long as they testify ‘Jesus is LORD’ i.e. not religious*)
- **Abraham** (*LORD Almighty covenant maker*) plants a **Tree** (*State of Israel / Millennium Kingdom*) in **Beersheba** (*Abrahamic believers to dwell in peace in Gentile Lands in return for protection*) The State of Israel was planted on Gentile land! (we explain this later).
- **Abraham dwelled a long time in the Land of the Philistines** – the covenant of peace is long-lasting but also distressing – Abraham will live in a place not his own home.

The **Seven Ewe Lambs** are the **Seven Churches of Revelations**. The testimony ‘Jesus is LORD’ will eventually cease. Born-again Christians will snuggle into man’s comfortable religion, and cease to be Ewe Lamb Christians. According to Beersheba Gentile Kings are not required to protect Religious Christians – so they won’t; Islam will cast Christian Religion out, just as Sarah kicked out Hagar; Ewe Lamb Christians will wander in the desert. In the persecutions some Christians will become Jews or Moslems; many will perish, including some Ewe Lamb Christians.

We will show in our verse-by-verse study *the punishment of each of the Seven Seals* is found in the scripture links to the words in the verses of Genesis 21 pertaining to the **Seven Ewe Lambs in the precise order they occur in the Book of Revelations**. The Seven Seal punishments will fall on Gentile lands – because they did not protect Ewe Lamb Christians according to Beersheba.
THE THREE PROPHETIC SIGNS OF THE END OF THE (FIRST) BEERSHEBA COVENANT

Mosque in the U.S.  

The first sign:  **Ishmael [Islam] will get a wife [community of believers] in Egypt [America]**. This sign was fulfilled in 1915 when the first mosque was established in America. Today, in 2015, a hundred years later there are an estimated 2 million Muslims in the United States. It not a coincidence that in April 25, 1915 the Allies invaded Turkey and on April 26, 1915 **250 Armenian Christian intellectuals were killed in Istanbul**. Within 6 months the deportation of millions of Armenians began leading to death by exposure to cold for half of them. The defeat of the Ottoman Empire in WWI led to the UK appropriating Palestine, which made the Balfour Declaration possible. **The cost of a homeland for the Jews? 1 million Armenian Christian lives** and **a homeland for Moslems in America**. This price the Americans will live to regret one day.

Tamarisk tree (note star of David!)

The second sign:  Abraham plants a **Tree [Modern State of Israel] in Beersheba [Agreement for Abrahamic Believers to Dwell Together Peacefully in Gentile Land in return for protection]**. This sign was fulfilled in 1917 with the Balfour Declaration [**Palestine was legally part of the U.K. at the time: therefore part of Gentile Lands**] and ratified by the Great Powers in the Treaty of Sevres in 1920. Note: Sykes-Picot Agreement in 1916; Weizmann and Balfour first met in 1906.

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7 Islamic Center of America, Dearborn, Michigan. Source: wiki/Islam_in_the_United_States
8 20% to 30% of slaves brought to America were Muslims. Practice of Islam on plantations was repressed but some permitted salat - prayers. The first American mosque was founded in 1915 by Albanian Muslims in Biddeford, Maine. A Muslim cemetery still exists there. Source: wiki/Islam_in_the_United_States
The third sign: The Seventh Ewe Lamb, the seventh church of Revelations, *forsakes her duty to follow Jesus and in His place embraces worldliness*:

And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write: these things say the Amen, The Faithful and True Witness... I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot: I would you were cold or hot. So then because you are lukewarm... I will spew you out of my mouth.

Because you say: *I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing*; and know not that you are wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel you to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that you may be rich; and white raiment, that thou may be clothed, and that the shame of your nakedness does not appear; and anoint your eyes... that you may see... To him that overcomes will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and sat down with my Father on His throne.

Because the seventh church does not testify (*with her works*) that Jesus is LORD Almighty – He will retch (*spew them out of his mouth*). God is Witness (*to the Covenant of Beersheba*).

**PART 2 – VERSE BY VERSE ANALYSIS OF GENESIS 21**

**EXEGESIS BY HIDDEN MANAH IN SPIRITUAL NUMBERS**

We use all the normal tools of exegesis to interpret Scripture in the Bible. In addition we will parse the meanings of verses and words in the Hebrew text according to their gematria – or numerical weight based on the sum of the numerical value of the individual letters.⁹

We translate the meaning of those spiritual numbers according to our research on BibleNumbersForLife.com. The spiritual meaning of the numbers adds a rich layer of insight into deeper messages God intended for us to discover when he dictated the Bible.¹⁰

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⁹ For more detail into the science of gematria, please see Page 8 GEMATRIA on our website.
RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF GOD

We guarantee you have never heard of ‘SPLINKING’. That is because we discovered this tool of exegesis. ‘S-P-LINKING’ is: Scripture Prophecy LINKING. An example in Genesis 21:1 below:

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<td>I have even from the beginning declared it to thee; before it came to pass I shewed it thee: I lest thou shouldest say, Mine idol hath done them, and my graven image, and my molten image, hath commanded them.</td>
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Note: ‘Value’ is the sum of the gematria of each Hebrew letter

The phrase: ‘The LORD’ (32) ‘Visited’ (184) has a total numerical value of 216 (32+184). The 216th chapter in the Bible is Judges 5. This is the 1st phrase of Gen. 21:1 therefore the Scripture link is Judges 5 verse 1: ‘Then sang Deborah and Barak ... on that day saying’.

The Scripture link fits perfectly to the prophetic context! Here is a woman, Deborah, who wins a victory for the LORD: she delivers Israel; which fits perfectly to the context of Gen. 21:1 Sarah – wins a victory for the LORD: she delivers – gives birth to - the promised son Isaac!

Beyond the exact verse reference, Judges 5 verse 1, we can look to the entire story of Judges 5 and see many parallels to the miraculous birth of Isaac and other prophetic fulfillments:

- A division was caused in Israel – some tribes heard the call to fight, other tribes did not.
- The tribes who fought for Deborah achieved a mighty victory for God
- Some Jews accepted Jesus Christ as Messiah – they achieved a mighty victory for God – which was that they transformed into Isaac – the promised son of Sarah
- Some Jews rejected Jesus Christ as Messiah – they were defeated – they became the prophetic Hagar – cast out of the family of God – exiled to wander in Gentile lands.

10 God speaks to us in many ways – through Creation, the Stars, the Bible, and Spiritual Numbers in the Bible. For a discussion of the forms of revelation by which we know God please see Page 1 INTRODUCTION on our website.
The first verse encapsulates the entire message of Genesis 21. Through Deborah the prophet (Judges 4:4) God brings deliverance to his people. In her case it is the defeat of the oppressor Jabin the Canaanite King of Hazor. However there is shame pronounced on the tribes of Israel who do not follow Deborah into battle (Judges 5:15-18). Thus, the victory results in a blessing for some tribes and shame for others. Who rescues Deborah? ‘The Holy One from Mount Paran’! Here is the connection to the prophetic weave of blessing and shame of the Jews and Moslems: they are both people of covenant with the Holy One of Paran (a desert of Arabia).

The first crisis of faith is the birth of Isaac – Jews follow Jesus – which results in shame to the unbelieving Jews: ‘O my mountain... I will give thy substance and all thy treasures to the spoil’ – the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD. All this was prophesied ‘from the beginning.’

Who are the blessed Jews? Jesus said ‘Whoever shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven’. That is Isaac’s inheritance – possession of Heaven.
The birth of Isaac is a spiritual birth – Christians receive the blessing of sons ‘by faith’ – by believing that Jesus Christ is ‘LORD’ – LORD God Almighty. The sign to believers to verify their faith is He will ‘go out’ from the grave and ‘stand by my father’ – ascend to the throne of David in Heaven – from there he will ‘commune of my father of thee’ – intercede for all the saints. Jews who remain tied to the Law of Mount Horeb – those who ‘remain in this city’ will die. Abrahamic blessing passes ‘to the Chaldeans’ – the faith of Islam. [Allah is a Babylonian deity].

Due to unbelief the Jewish nation loses its heavenly protection – ‘the wings thereof were plucked’. Most critically for Christians the warning against harlotry is pronounced – God ‘puts not his money out to usury.’ Christians have become spiritually rich – they are not to create a religion that charges men money to access those riches. Jesus turned over the tables and charged the Jews: ‘My house is a house of prayer – you have made it into a den of robbers.’ Paid ministers and clergy of Christian religions will suffer loss of reward. Saints of Christ the Lord Jesus commands thee to flee religion now! Meet humbly in homes and in parks – ‘He that doeth these things will not be moved’ - do not frequent religious temples begging for money.

Psalm 133 v 1 says ‘How good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell together in unity’. The goal of our faith in Jesus Christ is love: to dissolve all divisions of race, tribe, and tongue.
Isaac’s birth is of God – said Jesus upon Peter’s confession ‘man has not revealed this to you - but my Father in Heaven has’. Isaac’s name is given to him by God – ‘thou shalt be called by a new name’ – not a Jew or a Gentile any more: a Christian. Isaac became the sole heir of the inheritance of Abraham – and so Christians will receive all the blessings of the patriarchs ‘the inheritance of our fathers’ which was coming to Jews but since they honored not the Messiah when He appeared was taken from them: ‘inheritance taken from the lot of our inheritance.’ As a son of God by faith – Isaac will declare the Word of God – ‘the Sword of the LORD’ – unto the ‘land of Idumea’ – so the unredeemed of Gentile lands will die – ‘a great slaughter’ – to their false gods – and believe: ‘whoever is willing’. ‘Isaac’ will bring ‘laughter’ and exultation from Isaac’s spiritual father in Heaven! This will fulfill the words of Jesus: ‘Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repents.’

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**VERSE 3 – ISAAC IS THE SPIRITUAL SON – IN EVERY WAY**

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Manasseh – ‘began to reign’ – he usurped the authority of God by following the practices of the nations the LORD had driven out. He erected altars to Baal – local religious lords – and Asherah poles – promoting the authority of women. Isaac will do the same – he will adopt religious ways. Piercing of ears is a pledge of loyal slavery. Isaac will cease to be a spiritual warrior and become a subservient slave – ‘I have behaved and quieted myself’ in 380 AD: Catholicism. God condemns religion ‘defile my sanctuary’ for Isaac - it rejects the Cross - ‘profane my name’ - and the consequences: ‘he has given his seed to Molech’ (his children will not believe in Jesus).

‘God sent a mighty wind on the sea’ – roused up Gentiles seafarers to tear down these religious mountains of heretical worship in 790 AD: He called forth the Vikings! The so-called Christian ‘churches’ were destroyed, plundered, and the thiefing robber priests in them were driven out. In the Last Days the ship of man’s religion will be broken once and for all. The faithful remnant of Isaac pray: ‘O LORD – touch the mountains and they shall smoke’. Pity the believers in them who flee – poor, blind, naked. They will pray: ‘Preserve me, O God’ when they stand outside the Institutional Church – when they can finally rightly say: ‘in Thee do I put my trust’.

Link words 7,8,9 and read them: ‘Who is this who rises like the Nile?’(7) ‘And the LORD said to Aaron’ (8) ‘You are my King and my God!’ (9). When we appoint religious rulers – Aaron – we make them king over us – which usurps and supplants our true God and King – Jesus in Heaven.
VERSE 5 – THE STIRRINGS OF DESSENT AGAINST THE ‘HOLY’ CATHOLIC CHURCH

Because of the scourge of Catholicism – the Christian faithful – Isaac - became sickly and bedridden while incarcerated in man’s religion. ‘The word of the LORD came to me’ – lights began to flicker on in the hearts of believers – maybe this religion was a lie? 1 Sam 18 v 1 After David had finished talking with Saul’ – God (David) is finished with those religious leaders (Saul) ‘Jonathon became one in spirit with David’ – a new holy lump of dough is kneaded (Jonathon).

The Catholic Church became a monstrosity – Christians wondered: ‘From whence came you?’ Abuses of power ‘Satan answered’ included selling indulgences to sin and all sorts of nepotism and cronyism in the priesthood. The spiritual body of Christ had become utterly carnal ‘going to and fro in the earth’ and distracted by worldly things ‘walking up and down in it’.

Because of their evil deeds – conscience seared - the Catholic leaders could not hear the Spirit of God calling to repent. Those who did hear kept their faith secret to the Church – but alive ‘in His sight’ to God – continuing to be revolted by perverse Church practices: ‘stand not in an evil thing’ - seeing them for what they are as lawlessness: ‘he doeth whatsoever pleaseth him’.

At the center of Catholic confusion is the veneration of Mary. The spiritual man was not taken by the lie. According to 2 Chron 34 v 7 ‘he tore down the altars [worship of false gods] and the Asherah poles [female goddess of Canaanites] and crushed the idols to powder and cut to pieces all the incense altars [prayers to Mary] throughout Israel.’

In ancient times stelae, erect pillars, marked the underground burial chambers of tribal kings. Whether it is a phallic symbol honoring Nimrod or whether it is dedicated to Ra – the Sun god, obelisks and Asherah poles – they all announce a stubborn stiff-necked rebellion to the authority of God – in the Heavens. Genesis 21 predicts rebellion and lawlessness will perish.
VERSE 6 – COMMUNITIES OF RE-BORN BELIEVERS WORSHIP – LEAVE CHURCH OF ROME

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| God          | Everyone who hears
| Everyone     |
| who hears    | And said unto them, The LORD is witness against you, and his anointed is witness this day, that ye have not found ought in my hand. And they answered, He is witness. |
| will laugh   | As I was in the days of my youth, when the secret of God was upon my. |
| with me      | In the fourteenth day of this month, at even, ye shall keep it in his appointed season: according to all the rites of it, and according to all the ceremonies thereof, shall ye keep it. |

Why did God permit the Catholic Church to go so far astray from the gospel of Jesus? One reason was so the Church would be regarded as a laughing-stock imitation of Christianity – and people who saw would seek the LORD - ‘laughter has brought me to God’. The ones who first saw the light (verse 5) began to find one-another and form communities of worship divorced from the authority of the Church of Rome ‘let us come before his presence with thanksgiving’.

What irony! The imitation Peter was the august Bishop of Rome. The actual Peter was ‘apostle of Jesus Christ to the strangers scattered throughout’! The Reformation was such a relief from the oppression of the Church of Rome people felt their youth renewed ‘as I was in the days of my youth’ because the truth about God kept hidden by the Church ‘the secret of God’ was re-discovered ‘upon me’. No wonder so many joyful hymns were penned in the Reformation.

What was the secret of God everyone was so joyful about? That salvation from sin was bought and paid by the blood of Christ at the Cross. To obtain this salvation the sinner must approach the throne of grace where sits the risen Lord Jesus Christ ‘his anointed is witness this day’ that all the sinner has to offer is faith in Christ’s work, not in any work of his own righteousness ‘Ye have not found anything in my hand’. The Church of Salvation-by-Works is toppled over flat.

Gen 40 v 10 ‘and on the vine were three branches. As soon as it budded, it blossomed, and its clusters ripened into grapes.’ Born-again believers (buds) form communities (clusters) quickly.
The coordinates of this verse say it all: ‘Time’ (verse 7) of ‘Darkness’ (11 words) ‘Blood Thirsty Murderers’ (44 Hebrew letters). Who are the killers? ‘Ungodly Nation Oppresses’ (521st verse in the Bible). Full proof of the Satanic inspired spirit that indwelt the Institutional Church is a fervent desire to kill the Saints of God! O when will God’s people understand Satan ‘masquerades as an angel of light’? Who are the angels of light? (The priests of man’s religion).

Zedekiah was the last King of Israel who rebelled against Babylon. The King of Babylon besieged Jerusalem until the famine was so severe there was no food. Some soldiers broke through the wall – and ran for freedom. They scattered but Zedekiah was captured. The sons of Zedekiah and all his officials were slaughtered before him – even his own eyes were put out.

The soldiers who flee the City are Christians running for freedom from the Church. They scatter and are safe. But in the process innocent people suffer – these are the martyrs ‘the plowers plowed upon my back’ who died at the hands of the Babylonians (Church and State Alliance).

In time even the common people recognized the evil of the secular authority of the Church and State Alliance - ‘and slew the Philistine’ – the 30 Years War between Catholics and Protestants. According to the peace of Westphalia (1648) citizens were guaranteed freedom of worship in most of Europe. Why did the Catholic Church lose influence? ‘thou sin against innocent blood’. The Church broke covenant with God – and so ‘the LORD wrought a great salvation’ - at a price.
VERSE 8 – FAT FEASTING CHRISTIANS WILL FALL INTO THE HAND OF ISLAM IN THE LAST DAYS

The factors of the total gematria (2538) of this verse are 18 and 131. In Genesis 18 Abraham pleads unsuccessfully for God not to destroy Sodom. In Numbers 14 (131st chapter) the spies return with a bad report: God sends his people back to the desert until they all die. [But two!]

A feast day is the picture: a crowd, music, food, and dancing. Isaac is the center of attention – a pile of gifts sits at his feet and his belly is full of rich food – no thought to God. Hear the words of the Seventh Ewe Lamb at the end of the Church Age: ‘I am rich! I am increased of goods and have need of nothing’ (Rev. 3:17). Alas! ‘Thou are snared’ by the words of thy mouth.

In the Last Days God sends Isaac to the desert: ‘to deliver us into the hand of the Chaldeans’ ‘that they might put us to death’ – ‘and carry us away captives to Babylon’. Babylon is Islamic Empire. They slaughter the fat rich – but take captive those who accept second class status.

At weaning the baby loses the intimacy of breastfeeding with mother. In a profound way weaning pictures a withdrawal of tender loving protection. God will permit this rough justice to fall on Isaac because Isaac has forgotten God. He has ‘grown’ out of his faith – an unbeliever!

Islamic Empire will improperly kill innocent believers in Jesus along with the wicked sensuous nominal Christians. The innocent Christian blood is pictured as the red heifer (Num 19 v 4).
**VERE 9 – ISLAMIC EMPIRE BECOMES WORLD GOVERNMENT – CHRISTIANS GO TO HEAVEN**

| 523 SHARP ARROWS PIERCE HEARTS | 3584 | 7 THE END: Time |
| v9 | Words =10 | Letters = 37 |
| Hebrew Value | 512 ANGEL OF LORD IS NEAR |

| and saw | 607 | Psalms 129 v 1 |
| Sarah | 505 | Psalms 27 v 2 |
| Psa 129 v 1 | Psalms 27 v 2 |
| 1112 | 1 Thes 1 v 1 |

Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, to the church of the Thessalonians which is in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

| his [Abraham’s] son | 401 | 2 Chro 34 v 3 |
| of Hagar the Egyptian | 453 | Job 17 v 2 |
| Psa 23 v 7 | 550 | Psa 72 v 4 |
| Exo 2 v 4 | 953 | Mat 24 v 3 |

| And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? |

| whom she had born | 501 | Psalms 23 v 7 |
| to Abraham mocking. | 279 | 2 Sam 11 v 9 |
| 238 | 1 Sam 2 v 10 |
| 208 | Josh 21 v 5 |
| 745 | Isa 66 v 6 |
| 749 | Mat 24 v 3 |
| 516 | Psa 38 v 5 |

| My wounds stink and are corrupt because of my foolishness. |

The Islamic Empire (Babylon) has extinguished Christianity by warfare ‘sharp arrows pierce hearts’ and reigns victorious on the Earth ‘son of Hagar… mocking’. Unknown to Ishmael – Sarah receives ‘grace unto you and peace’ – believers in Christ are resurrected and in Heaven. The heap of dead saints ‘Mount of Olives’ has become the Mountain of Zion over which our King reigns - ‘Jesus sat’ – the martyrs wonder when will be ‘your coming - the end of the world’.

The 523rd verse of Genesis maps to the 523rd chapter of the Bible: Psalm 45. This the 9th verse of Genesis 21 so we look to Psalm 45 v 9 ‘Kings' daughters were among thy honourable women: upon thy right hand did stand the queen in gold of Ophir.’ – on Earth, the Caliph of United Islam has taken as his wife the ‘Kings' daughter’: the apostate Jewish people – ‘in gold’ – lovers of money; in Heaven, at the right hand of the King of the Universe the Lord Jesus Christ, his bride: the resurrected saints who believed in Him for salvation – ‘in gold’ – eternally blessed of God.

The great Caliph of United Islam is hailed on Earth as the Messiah who has brought peace – ‘he shall save the needy and break in pieces the oppressor’. He is King of the Earth! Psalm 23:7 [Psalm 24:1] ‘The Earth is the LORD’S, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein’. But the day is coming when he will know the truth: ‘My wounds stink and are corrupt because of my foolishness’. God’s chosen and sealed witnesses are in his midst 2 Sam 11 v 9 ‘But Uriah slept at the door of the king’s house’. Even the remnant of Jews are unaware of the salvation coming to them (at the mid-point of the Tribulation) when the Caliph goes a step too far and proclaims himself to be God in the flesh – which will open the eyes of the Jews to Jesus.
VERSE 10 – STIRRING OF CONSCIENCE AMONG JEWS: WOMAN NOT TO SLEEP WITH A BEAST

On Earth – the Jews reconsider whether matrimony to the Caliph of United Islam is proper and whether they can get out of it: is it lawful for a man to put away his wife? They conclude it is a degrading thing: ‘cast out the female slave’ (apostate Jewish wife of Caliph) ‘and her son’ (the Caliph of United Islam has Jewish blood). They began to see Islam as Egypt and the Caliph as Pharaoh. This took them to the conclusion God would bring them out of Egypt (as he had the original Hebrews) and through Sarah (free woman) birth ‘my son Isaac’ (a new Jewish nation).

If the Caliph of Islam is part-Jew how can he be Ruler of Islam? And if the King of the World is part-Arab how can he be Ruler of the Jews? Lev 20 v 14 ‘And if a man take a wife and her mother, it is wickedness’. Worse than that (thank God Jews are champion thinkers!) this Caliph is a warlord soaked in innocent blood – the marriage is an abomination: Lev 20 v 16 ‘If a woman approach unto any beast, and lie down thereto, thou shalt kill the woman, and the beast’.

Among the Jews Two Witnesses step forward to ask the Caliph for annulment: Exo 7 v 7 ‘Moses was 40 years old, and Aaron 43 years old, when they spoke unto Pharaoh’. 
VERSE 11 – TWO WITNESSES ASSASSINATED – DEAD BODIES EXPOSED – COME BACK TO LIFE

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.

‘The heavens declare’ by satellite communications ‘the glory of God’ the prophecy of the Two Witnesses; even all ‘Naphtali’ (Arab lands) ‘Ephraim’ (Americas) ‘Manasseh’ (Britain and colonies) ‘the land of Judah’ (conquered Islamic lands) ‘unto the utmost sea’ (everywhere else on Earth). The testimony of the Two Witnesses strikes a chord of resentment against the Caliph ‘the battle went sore against Saul’ so the assassination of the Two Witnesses is ordered ‘the archers hit him, and he was wounded’. The killing of the Two Witnesses is repugnant because it is apparent to all they have done nothing deserving death. 1 Sam 12:5 ‘the LORD is witness against you, and his anointed is witness this day, that ye have not found ought in my hand’.

When the historical Saul died he was decapitated and his body was nailed to the wall of a Philistine city. The Two Witnesses succeed in severing the loyalty of many of the Jews to their Head the Caliph by publically exposing his nakedness! Num 25 v 4 ‘And the LORD said unto Moses’ and Aaron: his Two Witnesses ‘Take all the heads of the people, and hang them up before the LORD against the sun, that the fierce anger of the LORD may be turned away from Israel.’ However, the Caliph responds by exposing the decapitated dead bodies of the Two Witnesses in the streets of Jerusalem for the whole world to see (Rev. 11:7-10).

God is also watching with intent interest: Gen 21:11 ‘was grievous the matter in the sight of Abraham’ the LORD Jesus ‘because of his son’ the Two Witnesses. The Spirit raises the Two Witnesses from the dead Job 33 v 4 ‘the breath of the Almighty has given me life.’ The message to the Jews watching is clear: if you have faith in Christ by the ‘breath of the Almighty’ - then you also possess resurrection to life by the same ‘breath of the Almighty’. Gen 45 v 3 ‘Joseph said unto his brethren, I am Joseph; doth my father yet live?’ Setting aside the Caliph as their Head, the Jews began to yearn for their true Head, the Living God. Could it be true? Was God ‘the King of all the Earth’? Was Zion – the testimony of Christ – the City of the Great King?
Elijah has come: the Two Witnesses are dead. The Aaronic High Priest has set up the abomination of desolation in the temple. The Caliph of the World is like a bloodhound sniffing them out. The Jews have no prophet, no priest, and the king wants to kill them all. All their silver and gold is useless now. They flee to the desert and turn to God in repentance.

Like a man facing death – their life passes through their eyes. The conclusion is inescapable – they were wrong. The marriage of the Caliph of the World to the Jewish people did not usher in the Millennium Kingdom as they had supposed. Bathsheba’s child of lust dies. That means the promises concerning Zion are yet to be fulfilled. They cry out to God – but no answer. To come to God they must bring a sacrifice – where will they find a lamb of sacrifice in this desert?
Gen 31 v 3 ‘And the LORD said unto Jacob, Return unto the land of thy fathers, and to thy kindred; and I will be with thee.’ When Joseph was born Jacob did not want him to be raised in a house of slavery – even slavery to a relative. Jacob wanted Joseph to live as a free man.

*How can a slave become free?* The thoughts of the Jews turned to Genesis 21 the story of the son of Abraham by the slave woman Hagar. God said to Abraham ‘Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the boy and because of the female slave. All that hath said unto you Sarah, listen to her voice: for through Isaac will be named even your seed.’

*Sarah was the free woman* – the proper wedded wife of Abraham – not a slave, not a concubine. They reasoned: if we are the slave woman – Hagar – then who must Sarah be? Or, to put the question another way – who is Isaac? The clue is ‘through Isaac will be named your seed.’ Finally the question boils down to who is Abraham’s seed? Is it not the promised Messiah? That could not be any of their offspring – because they faced certain death. Which means – the Messiah must have already come!

The reasoning continues: the Messiah could not have come after the destruction of the second Temple – because when Jerusalem was destroyed all the family genealogical records were destroyed. And the Messiah could not have come before the second Temple since the returned exiles who rebuilt the second Temple were still looking for the Messiah to come.

So, the Messiah must have come near the end of the second Temple. [And then all heaven held its breath.] Was Jesus of Nazareth the Messiah? What did John the Baptist say? ‘Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world’. Jews held John the Baptist was a prophet.

Exo 11 v 17 ‘Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats’. Yes – Jesus Christ – he was crucified for no sin but that he claimed he was the Messiah! God did raise Jesus from the dead! ‘*All that Sarah hath said unto you* listen to her voice’ – the truth of God is just as the *first Jews to follow Jesus* preached.

[And then Jews in the desert held their breath.] Then that means *Isaac must be the Christians who were killed by the Caliph of the World* – who died with the testimony of Jesus on their lips!

*And the conscience of the Jews was stricken with grief!* O how we mocked the Christians! Like Ishmael at the feast of Abraham! O how our forefathers abused Jesus Christ – our Messiah! Prov 13 v 14 ‘The law of the wise is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.’ Now the fountain of life is opened – the tears of repentance are flowing. Prov 28 v 2 ‘Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry unto thee’. The Jews accept Jesus as their Messiah - at long last.

2 Chron 10 v 8 ‘But he forsook the counsel which the old men gave, and took counsel with the young men that were brought up with him, that stood before him.’ And so the Jews threw out
all the traditions of the rabbis, all the interpretations of religious men, and believed the words of the prophets as plainly written in the Scripture for themselves. And up in Heaven all the resurrected saints – ‘the young men’ – looking down at the scene – ‘stood before him’ – God.

**Num 20 v 18** ‘And Edom said unto him, Thou shalt not pass by me, lest I come out against thee with the sword.’ The Jews in the desert believed in Jesus – but their flesh and blood Jewish relatives in Jerusalem were not going to let them back into Palestine.

**Josh 23 v 20** ‘And I gave unto Isaac Jacob and Esau: and I gave unto Esau mount Seir, to possess it; but Jacob and his children went down into Egypt.’ Jerusalem was now the prophetic mount Seir – which belongs to the Edomites – those Jews faithful to the Caliph of the World.

Just as God miraculously provided a well in the desert to save Hagar and Ishmael – we know the converted Jews will be saved by a similar miracle – ‘The woman fled into the desert to a place provided to her by God where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days.’ (Rev. 12:6)

**1 Kings 20 v 21** ‘And the king of Israel went out, and smote the horses and chariots, and slew the Syrians with a great slaughter.’ The circle of our prophetic story comes back to the prophetic link in the first word (Gen. 31 v 3) where the flight from Jerusalem in the Tribulation is likened to the flight of Jacob out of Syria. What this prophetic link is telling us is once Jesus Christ has been crowned King of the Jews by the mass repentance of Jews in the desert – then the LORD will have a free hand to come forth from Heaven to rescue His people - and do battle against the Caliph of the World and destroy his hordes with a great slaughter.

**2 Samuel 10 v 23** ‘And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her; for she was purified from her uncleanness: and she returned unto her house.’ Who would have guessed God would hide this prophetic nugget in 2 Sam 10 v 23? The secret infidelity of David with Bathsheba turns out to be the clue of what happens at the mid-point of the Great Tribulation. Following the re-birth of Israel to faith in Jesus, God appoints 144,000 messengers ‘David sent messengers’ to go forth from the desert to all nations and tell them not to take the mark of the Beast. If the nations obey David’s invitation ‘she came into him, and he lay with her’ then ‘she was purified from her uncleanness’ – God will pardon those nations and permit them to enter the Millennium Kingdom: but only those who accept David’s messengers.

**CONCLUSION**

This concludes our very dramatic exegesis of Genesis 21 from verse 1 to verse 12. We will continue our study in the paper following this one in our series ‘The Oath of Bathsheba’. We hope you are inspired to see God’s invisible and inscrutable Hand as he has woven the fabric of the Scriptures so that every single word directs us to a meaningful Scripture Prophetic Link in another passage. How could this be? Unless the Finger of God inscribed every letter!