

THE STAGES OF GROWTH SERIES

“AGREE WITH GOD “

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Gen. 15: 1-14, 17-18 (Read)

Abraham has two sons: Ishmael and Isaac. Ishmael is technically the first born, however, he is born of the Egyptian handmaiden Hagar which was not God's plan but a plan contrived of reason and of flesh. (Abraham was 86 years old when Ishmael was born.)

Gen. 17- God appears to Abram and reiterates and restates the promises (covenant) that He is to have a son by his wife Sarai (The son of Promise); then by Covenant Ritual, God changes their names by inserting part of His name in theirs.

God (YHVH) inserts the “**Hey**” in their names. Thus, they go from:

Abram to Abraham – (High Father to Father of many)

Sarai to Sarah – Dominative to Noblewoman (Mother of Nations) And

God became “The God of Abraham”

Gen. 17: 18 – Abraham (now considering his and Sarah's age) laughs and suggests that Ishmael is the one to walk uprightly before God, but God blatantly responds, “No”. The promise was that Sarah was to bear the promised child (**vs. 15 + 16**) and that his name shall be called “Isaac”.

In chapter 18: 9, Sarah also laughs at the idea of her having a child in her advanced years and having “pleasure” after ninety.

Gen. 22 - Abraham offers Isaac on Mt Moriah at God's requests, but God substitutes a ram in Isaac's place (a ram was caught in the thicket by its horns). Abraham calls the name of that place “**Jehovah Jireh**” (In the moment of the Lord it shall be seen - **The Lord will provide**)

Chap. 26 - God reiterates the covenant to Isaac (**vs. 1-5**) says again

Chap. 24-28 – Isaac now takes Rebekah as his wife and his twin boys, Jacob and Esau. The 1st born son is to receive the birthright which includes the blessing of the Father and the inheritance. Esau is the Firstborn, but despises his Birthright by devaluing its importance to a pot of lentils, and sells it to Jacob, his Brother. To keep from being killed by Esau, Jacob runs and leaves home, heading to his Uncle Laban's house.

On his way, Jacob finds a place to rest using a stone for a pillow, He then dreams of a ladder from the earth to heaven with angels descending and ascending. God then again restates and speaks to him concerning the covenant to his Fathers (**God is still speaking**) **Gen. 18 1-15**

Jacob later marries two sisters, Rachel and Leah, and has twelve (12) sons by them (and their handmaidens) that eventually become **The Twelve Tribes of Israel**.

Of the 12 sons, Rueben is the oldest and was to receive the Birthright, but disqualifies himself by sleeping with his Father's concubine. Thus, the Birthright fell to Joseph, who was the oldest child of Rachel.

Jacob favored Joseph because of his love for Rachel, who died while giving birth to Benjamin, The youngest. Jacob gives Joseph a **"coat of many colors" symbolizing the Birthright.** However, this brought jealousy among the brothers. Also, Joseph was favored because He was the son Jacob in his old age.

Joseph has two (2) dreams (**Covenant**) **1.) Binding of the sheaves** and **2.) Sun, moon and eleven stars.** God in keeping His Covenant with Abraham is, showing that He can work all things together for our good. (despite what we go through!)

Because of envy and jealousy, Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery in Egypt. They sold Him **for 20 shekels of silver**, took his **"coat of many colors"** and dipped it in goats blood, and led their Father Jacob to believe that a wild beast had killed him.

But the Hand of God was on Joseph!

Chap. 39 Joseph was sold into slavery, falsely accused, imprisoned and forgotten about, But because of the Covenant God made with Abraham, God caused Joseph to rise from the Prison to the Palace.

Chap 41..37ff Joseph was given Asenath, daughter of an Egyptian priest, for a wife and She bore him two sons:

- 1.) Manasseh – For God has caused me to forget all my toil and all my Father’s house.
- 2.) Ephraim - For God has caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction.

Acts 7: 9-10

“And the patriarchs, becoming envious, sold Joseph into Egypt; but God was with him And delivered him out of all his troubles, and gave him favor and wisdom in the presence of Pharaoh, King of Egypt; and made him governor over Egypt and all his house.”

Then comes the Famine.

Read Gen 41: 53-57

Genesis 42: 1-5

“When Jesus saw that there were grain in Egypt, Jesus said to His sons, “Why do you Look at one another?”

And he said, “Indeed I heard that there is grain in Egypt; go down to that place and buy for us there that we may live and not die.”

So Joseph’s ten brothers went down to buy grain in Egypt. But Jacob did not send Joseph’s Brother Benjamin with his brothers, for He said, “Lest some calamity be fall him.” And the sons of Israel went to buy grain among those who journeyed, for the famine was in the land of Canaan.

Read vs. 6-9a

After a few twists, Joseph reveals himself to his brothers. They weep and reconcile and Joseph forgives them. **(see Gen 45: 12-28)**

Gen. 46: 1-4

“So Israel took his journey with all he had, and came to Beersheba, and offers sacrifices to the God of his Father Isaac. Then God spoke to Israel in the vision of the night, and

said, “Jacob, Jacob!” And he said, “here am I. So he said, I am God, the God of your Father, do not Fear to go to Egypt, **for I will make of you a great nation there**. I will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also surely bring you up again, and Joseph will put his hands on your eyes.”

Years later:

. . . . Joseph dies (**Gen. 50: 22-26**)

SHALOM: Mem – Vav - lamed – Shin

Hebrew is both a pictographic and a numeric language.

Shin – Picture of “Teeth” meaning to “crush and destroy”

Lamed – Picture of a shepherd staff

Vav - Picture of an iron nail or wooden hook

Mem – waters (**waters of life or clear running stream**) or waters of chaos or confusion (**flood or tsunami**)

Ancient Hebrew Word Pictures

מ י ל ו

Shalom

ו

= Strong teeth, to destroy

ל

= Shepherd's staff, authority

י

= Tent peg, to attach

מ

= Water, chaos

to destroy the authority attached to chaos

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Conventional Meaning

- Not being at war
- Harmony between people
- Security and freedom from violence
- The idea of serenity and tranquility

The Picture meaning of Shalom:

- Shin – Destroy
- Lamed - Represents authority
- Vav – Signifies two things that are connected
- Mem – Chaos or confusion

The Revelation Revealed is:

- Peace only comes when the authority connected with chaos or confusion is destroyed. - Every time we utter the word Shalom or peace, we are uttering a prophetic prayer that Someone will come and destroy the one who is causing all the chaos and confusion.

1. Passover (Exodus 12-13) Barley (Matt. 12:40, Matt. 15: 33-47) 2.

2. Pentecost (Exodus 19-32) Wheat (Acts. 2, 10)

3. Tabernacle (Numbers 13-14) Grapes (Hebrews 4)

“SYNESTHESIA

” - (not a disorder, but an ability)

(Psalm 34:8)

119: 103

Jer 20: 9

THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

Two Main Aspects

1.) The waving of the two loaves (**leavened**) Lev. 23.)

2.) The giving of the Torah /Pentateuch (**Exodus 19-32**)

“Now all the people witnessed the thundering, the lightning flashes, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw it, they trembled and stood afar off.” (**Exodus 20:18**)

Notice the phrase, “Witnessed the thundering, the lightning flashes.....

The correct (Living) translation is:

“And all the people “saw the voices and lamps, “lightings and the sound of the Trumpet and the mountain smoking, and the people saw and they were afraid, and They stood at a distance.

Jewish scholars believe that the people actually “saw the voice of God” coming out of the mountain in tongues of fire. The mixed multitude (Exod. 12: 38) that came out of Egypt saw tongues of fire and heard the one voice of God speak in their different languages so they could understand His Words.

Since it seems strange to “see voices”, this phrase was translated as “thunderings and lightings.”

The voices sounded like Thundering and appeared as fire. (Psalm 29:7)

God gave instructions to enable us to determine the exact day of the Fruit of Pentecost. God said they were to celebrate the feast fifty days after the Feast of First Fruits.

The Feast of First fruits was celebrated on the 17th of Nissan. 50 days later falls on the 6th of Sivan. The Feast of Pentecost was also referred to as Feast of weeks, Feast of Harvest and Day of First fruits. **(Exod. 23: 16, Num 28:26)**

The main activity of the Feast of Pentecost was the presentation of a wave offering to the Lord. This was the two loaves of bread baked with leaven (**yeast**). This bread was made of fine flour that had been carefully sifted to separate the course matter from the wheat. The wave offering expressed the Hebrews’ dependence on God for the harvest and their daily bread. It was an offering of Thanksgiving.

Later when the Jews were scattered among the nations, the Feast of Pentecost lost Its primary significance as a Harvest festival, and was celebrated as a memorial to the time when God gave them the Torah at Mt. Sinai. **(The Law on Tablets)**

Jewish sages have taught that God gave the Torah to Moses on The Day of Pentecost.

(Read Exodus 19: 1)

The understanding is that they came to Sinai on the third day of the third month. Three (3) days later, on the 6th of Sivan, God came down upon Mount Sinai and gave them the Torah. **(vs. 11)**

Exodus 1: 8

Now there arose a New King over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. And he said to the people, “Look, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we; Come let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and it happen, in the event of war, that they also join our enemies and fight against us, and so go up out of the land.”

Acts 7: 18

“But when the time of the promise drew near which God had sworn to Abraham, The people grew and multiplied in Egypt till **another** King arose who did not know Joseph.”

Another - **“Heteros”** = Different Kind

Another - **“Allos”** = Same Kind **(Matt. 13-24)** (John 14: 16-17)

Isaiah 52:4 “My people went down at first into Egypt to dwell there, then the Assyrian oppressed hem without a cause”

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For 430 years Israel was in bondage.

(The **First time** at Canaan) Numbers 13

(The **Second time** at Canaan) Joshua 14 (**Joshua 1: 10-18**)

Caleb = Dog, whole-hearted (Ka' leb')

Peace - (Shalom) – L.T. “He who destroys the authority that establishes chaos.”

THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES

- The last fruit (moed) God gave the Hebrew people to observe was the Feast of Tabernacle (Succoth). It was also called The Fruit of Ingathering because it was at the end of the harvest season, and The Feast of Booths because the Hebrew people slept in booths or tents during the Feast. (**Exod. 23: 16, Deut. 16: 11**)
- The Feast of Tabernacle celebrated the final ingathering of the harvest God has blessed the people with for the year the fruit of the land had been reaped, so the people could rest from their harvest labors.
- Because the Feast of Tabernacles was the last of the seven Feasts, it completed the Religious season. The number seven in the Bible represents perfection or completion. Tabernacles is the completed or finished work of God in the present age in which we live and the lives of individual believers. It corresponds to the seventh step in our Walk with God to reach spiritual maturity and rest in our souls.

- 1.) **Passover** - Peace with God, Peace of God (New Birth)
- 2.) **Unleavened Bread** - Put off the old man (reckoning ourselves dead to sin)
- 3.) **Firstfruits** - Put on the new man (reckoning ourselves alive to God)
- 4.) **Pentecost** - Baptism in the Holy Spirit (receiving God's Power)
- 5.) **Trumpets** - Defeating the enemy (Put on the whole armor of God)
- 6.) **Atonement** - The day of judgement (God judges us righteous by the blood)

7.) **Tabernacles** - Entering into God's rest (We are in Christ and Christ in us)

GOD'S PRIORITIES

1.) **The Blood of Jesus** (The Blood flowed when the body was broken). The demand for justice has been satisfied. Iniquity has been totally erased. God is not angry with you!

2.) **Fellowship and Communion with God** –

We now come close. He's not looking for reason to disown you. But He is looking for reasons to bring you closer to Himself.

Isaiah 1:18

3.) **Jesus is Alive** -

Death has been conquered! He tasted death for us (specifically the 2nd death)

Acts 2:24, Heb 2:9-15

4.) **The Promise of the Holy Spirit** - God wanted to make each one of us conformed to the Image of His Son, so that as we view Him (thru communion and His Word, We are transforming into the same image from glory to glory. In order to do What Jesus did on earth, we must have the same power He had. To be like Jesus, we must have God's Holy Spirit.

5.) **Go tell the World** - You can come to me now! The barriers are down. You have been reconciled by the death of His Son. The angels (God's Special Forces) are

ministering spirits sent forth to work on behalf of the heirs of Salvation. They
hearken to the voice of the Word!

6.) Atonement of Jesus is Everlasting -

The work that Jesus did for us is an everlasting, finished Work! It is a high priority that people know and understand the sacrifice of Jesus. All our needs (Spiritual, physical, and financial).

The Atonement covers, cleanses, and removes guilt and shame. We cannot please God or really serve Him if we are constantly living in fear that God has some hidden sin to bring against us. Our lives are covered when our faith and our trust is in Him. (Jude 24-25).

7.) The Return of Jesus - (The Ultimate) - “I go to prepare a place for you, that where I am

You will be also (that is in and with Him!) Not so much as a “mansion in the sky)

But “In Him”. And there is a confidence and a “Rest” that we are able to partake of.

God’s desire is that we live with Him forever!!

TWO ASPECTS OF THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES

(First) It looked backed to the 40 yrs. when the Jews (The Fathers) wandered in the desert living in shelters or booths.

--- They were always to be reminded that the wanderings of their Forefathers were brought about by unbelief and disobedience; however, even I their wanderings, God was in the midst supplying and providing for their every need.

(Second) The Feast also had a look forward.

The Booths were constructed loosely so that the Hebrews would see thru the roof into the Heavens. This reminded them that they were pilgrims passing through life and that God had a greater rest for them in the future when he would come and live with them permanently.

Jesus is the Ultimate Tabernacle (Dwelling Place) of God in Flesh. (See **Heb 1:1-2**, **John 1:14**)

Dwelt – SKENOO (skēnōō — Skay-no'ō) – “Tabernacled”

Read Matthew 11:28-30, Colossians 2: 9

- We should always seek Him. He knows all the things that we need. (**Matt. 6:25-33**)

(2 Peter 1:2).

Paul prays in **Ephesians 1:18** – that we may know what are the riches of “The glory of His Inheritance” in the Saints.

Colossians 1:27 – “To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the Glory of his Mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the Hope of Glory: (AMPC)

Ephesians 1:7ff “In Him we have redemption, (that is our Deliverance and Salvation) through His blood, (which paid the penalty for our sin and resulted in) the forgiveness and complete pardon of our sin, in accordance with the riches of His grace which He lavished on us. In all wisdom and understanding (with practical insight, He make known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Christ -----

“Breaking the Spirit of Delay”

Key Statement: “Whoever owns the Narrative owns the Nation”

God says, “I want to create a new narrative inside of you, getting you to agree with Me”.

(Amen to my Word!)

Tell a new story and sing a new song! (**5782** – The decade of....)

(An Evil Word – They Didn’t Amen the Lord)

The land of Canaan was occupied by Devilish, Diabolical, Deviant people that were evil in their disposition, perverted in their practices, and violent in their volition. And they were giant men of great stature.

Ten of the twelve leaders that were sent to spy out the land and give reconnaissance of what they saw and perceived as a viable threat, brought back an evil report / negative words...

Contrary to what the Lord (Jehovah – Jireh) had already sworn! **(Exod. 3:8)**

They went strictly by what they saw and heard.

Amalekites in the South.

Hittites – “One who is broken, who fears

Jebusites – He will be trodden down

Amorites – Bitter, Rebel, a Babblers – Sayer

Canaanites by the Sea – (Worshippers of Baal) He that humbles

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And subdues Asherah

STORED STRENGTH TO STAY STEADY !

Canaanite Worship –

- The Baals
- Asherah Poles (dancing)
- Temple prostitutes
- Child sacrifice
- Cannibalism

There were men (10 spies) who brought back an evil report, bad news, or fake news.....

False Media **(10 Spies Network)**

Were there giants in the land - **Yes**

Were they bigger and mightier than Israel - **Yes**

And yet, the deciding factor to whether they could take the land of promise was not what they saw, but what they said!

“Whoever owns the Narrative owns the Land!

The one who has my narrative, I will get the Land. The Spirit of delay coincides with the words being released from your own mouth over your inheritance!

“Death and Life is in the power of the tongue, and those who love it shall eat the fruit thereof.” **Prov 18:21**

“Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it and indulge it will eat its fruit and bear the consequences of their words.” **(AMPC)**

Numbers 14: 20-23 –

“Then the Lord said, “I have pardoned them, according to your Word. But truly, as I live, and as all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord, none of the men who have seen my glory and my signs that I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and yet have put me to the test **“These Ten Times”** and have not obeyed my voice, shall not see the Land that I swore to give to their Fathers and none of those who despised me shall see it.”

Numbers 14: 11 –

And the Lord said o Moses, “How long will this people despise me? And how long will they not believe in me, in spite of all the signs that I have done among them?”

Exodus 17: 7

He named the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled, and because they Tested the Lord, saying “Is the Lord among us or not?”

- Massah - Testing
- Merinah - Quarreling

10 TIMES TEMPTING THE LORD

- 1)** Exodus 14: 10 -12 (At the Red Sea)
- 2)** Exodus 15: 22 – 24 (At Marah where they found Bitter Waters)
- 3)** Exodus 16: 1 -3 (In the wilderness of Sin as they hungered)
- 4)** Exodus 16: 19 -20 (Gathering manna, disregarding Moses)
- 5)** Exodus 16: 27 -30 (Dis’d Moses concerning gathering Manna on the Sabbath)
- 6)** Exodus 17: 1 -4 (At Rephidim as they complained for water)
- 7)** Exodus 32: 1- 35 (Making a golden calf at Sinai)
- 8)** Numbers 11: 1 -3 (At Taberah the people raged against the Lord)
- 9)** Numbers 11: 4 -34 (At Kibroth Hittaavah - grumbling for meat, quail)
- 10)** Numbers 14: 1 -3 (Refused the good report about Canaan)

Numbers 14: 11 – *Then the Lord said to Moses, “How long will these people reject me? And how long will they not believe me, with all the signs which I have performed among them?”*

THE CORNERSTONES OF FAITH:

1. GOD CANNOT LIE!
2. GOD IS GOOD!
3. NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD; ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE
TO HIM THAT BELIEVES!
4. HIS SHED BLOOD AND BROKEN BODY HAVE PAID FOR EVERYTHING!
5. RIGHTEOUSNESS IS A GIFT FROM GOD!
6. GOD LOVES ME – I AM SIGNIFICANT!
7. HE WILL NEVER LEAVE NOR FORSAKE ME!

Our Response:

8. AGREE WITH HIM & EXPECT HIS KINDNESS!

