

The First Course Correction for Man after the Flood

The Father of the Faithful and His Obedient Wife with a Recognized Name

We are now going to cover some of the high points of the one who was called a Friend of God/Yehovah (**Isaiah 41:8**). This is a very special development in the Plan. It had been desired for a long, long, time. It will expand upon the previous relationships of men who were deemed righteous or lawfully just. **This went beyond the act of keeping the laws and now entered into a relationship not seen prior to it.** It was predicated on Abraham's obedience yes, but also his love for Yehovah and a deep abiding trust in Him.

James 2:19-24 You believe that God is One (not one God). You do well; even the demons believe and shudder. But are you willing to know, O vain man, that faith apart from works is dead? Was not father Abraham justified by works, offering up his son Isaac on the altar? You can see that faith was a fellow worker with his works, and by the works, the faith was made perfect. And the scripture was fulfilled, saying And Abraham believed God (Yehovah), and it was counted to him as righteousness; and he was called Friend of God (Yehovah). You see, then, that a man is justified by works, and not only by faith.

It will become very apparent that Yehovah/The Word had a very personal relationship with Abraham and was deeply drawn to him because of clearly visible outward expressions of what he felt inside. Abraham was true to his thoughts in most instances. He and his wife Sarah were special in many ways. Let's cover just a few.

*Genesis 12:1-4 And the Lord (Yehovah) had said to Abram (that was his name when the relationship started), go out from your land, from your kindred, and from your father's house, to the land **which I will show you.** (He did not know of it at that time) **And I** (The Word/Yehovah) *will make of you a great nation. And I will bless you and make your name great; and you will be a blessing. And I will bless those who bless you, and curse the one despising you. **And in you all families of the earth shall be blessed.*** (That is astounding when you*

think about the magnitude of that promise.) *And Abram went out, even as the Lord (Yehovah) had spoken to him.*

This was a big decision by the Elohim. Every family of the earth would be blessed through Abram if he followed the directions and instructions from Yehovah. This was not a simple matter, for he had to leave absolutely everything behind except for his wife, nephew, some servants and some livestock, etc. He would be going to a place he knew nothing about, all on the word of Yehovah. **This was a defining moment in their relationship.** His works would demonstrate to Yehovah that he really did want to please Him and trust in everything He spoke to him. Abram displayed a meek, humble, and contrite spirit in all that he was asked to do. This all summed up speaks of love beyond measure. Abram wanted a relationship with Him above all else. He completely sought Him out. Hebrews addresses this.

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please God, for he who is drawn to God must believe that He is, and He becomes a rewarder to the one who completely seeks Him out.

Hebrews 11:8-10 By faith, having been called, Abraham obeyed and went forth to a place which he was about to receive for an inheritance, not understanding where it was that he was going. By faith he sojourned in a land of promise, as a foreigner, in tents dwelling with Isaac and Jacob, the co-heirs of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city having foundations whose builder and maker is God.

He had no problem living in tents in this temporary existence. He didn't complain to God about his conditions in the very land he was supposed to inherit. Most would have, they would have seen the houses, villages, towns, and cities built there and complained about not having their own. Not Abraham. He was patient in many respects, just like the Elohim are. They are also loyal and faithful to one another. Sarah was faithful to her husband and to Yehovah. Her name is mentioned often in scripture. That is important for the Elohim recognized her as being faithful and being a good example for a bride's role to be filled on a spiritual level.

Hebrews 11:11 Also, by faith Sarah herself received power for conceiving seed even beyond the time of age, and gave birth; since she deemed the One having promised to be faithful.

The apostle Peter tells us that Sarah obeyed Abraham looking to him as lord of the household. **That goes way beyond mother Eve.** Faithfulness is a two-way street and is to be given and received. That is one of the foundation principles of Oneness. That is why They want to see it in a Marriage Covenant. A husband and wife are to work in harmony towards the same goals with each carrying out their own responsibilities and functions for the betterment of the family.

Abraham was tested often; some soft tests and some hard ones. Some he did not do well in and in some he excelled. Why? Because he was as human as the rest of us. A striking tribute of the thoroughness needed to be reached in a relationship with God was made clear when Yehovah was instructing Isaac.

*Genesis 26:1-5 And a famine was in the land besides the famine which was in the days of Abraham. (Famine was used often as a setting for testing the patriarchs) And Isaac went to Abimelech king of the Philistines in Gerar. And the Lord (Yehovah) appeared to him and said, do not go down to Egypt; stay in the land which I shall say to you. Stay in this land, and I will be with you and bless you, for to you and your seed I will give all these lands. And I will cause to stand My oath which I swore to your father Abraham. And I will increase your seed like the stars of the heavens, and I will give to you and your seed all these lands. And all nations shall bless themselves in your seed, (Does that all sound familiar? It should, for it is what was promised to his father and his seed) **because Abraham listened to My voice, and guarded My observances, My commands, My statutes, and My laws.***

Abraham was not just obedient in leaving the land of his father and kindred but was faithful in keeping everything he was told to keep; laws, statutes, commands, and the observances of Yehovah! Take a moment and think about this. We are told by many in Christianity today we do not have to do so! On the contrary, these very things are put in place as tests for us, to see if we will be obedient and faithful to them. It is an entry level qualifying test to those being called to be the

Bride in Father's household. **The prince of the power of the air**, has deceived the whole world with few exceptions as to this. It is all about qualifying to share Eternal Oneness with the Elohim as They grow Their family. **Father has household rules** and they are all spelled out often in scripture from the beginning to the end. All these visible outward signs of Abrahams works of the flesh which reflected the content of his heart qualified Abraham for greatness, even though he did not seek it. He was just happy to live a life with his friend Yehovah and the simple blessings that went with that relationship.

This relationship will expand far beyond the two here; Yehovah and Abraham. Let's jump ahead in the timeline and see how it closes out as to their intimate relationship.

Revelation 14:1 And I saw, and behold, the Lamb standing on Mount Zion! And with Him were a hundred and forty-four thousand, with the name of His Father having been written on their foreheads.

Revelation 14:4-5 These are the ones who were not defiled with women (seducing pagan beliefs), for they are virgins. These are the ones following the Lamb wherever He may go (just like Abraham did). These were purchased from among men as firstfruits to God/Father and to the Lamb/Jesus/Messiah/ The Word. And no guile (falsehood) was found in their mouth (the word of their testimony Rev 12:11) for they are without blemish before the throne of God/Elohim.

Abraham's example through and through! This 144,000 will have reached the **threshold of acceptance** set by the Elohim to qualify to enter the household/family as the Eternal Helpmate, the Second Eve.

Some firsts: as to recognized roles of father Abraham.

Abram is the first to be called a Hebrew in the timeline of the Plan of Salvation. A correct translation of that is simply; **"the descendant of Eber who crossed over the Jordan River."** That makes him the father of all Hebrews. That is a physical fatherhood. **One cannot be called a Hebrew unless you are of that descent, no exceptions!** He was the Father of a new nation on the earth. His name Abram

simply meant; “uplifted father.” That is exactly what he was. He was uplifted to greatness in that function by the Elohim. However, he was also called **father of the Faithful** to all regardless of their genealogical origins which is the spiritual, the better side of things.

*Romans 4:8-12 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will in no way charge sin. Is this blessedness only on the circumcised or also on the uncircumcised? For we say the faith of Abraham was reckoned as righteousness of character. In what way was that reckoned? Being in circumcision or uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision! And he received circumcision as a stamp of genuineness of that righteous character of faith while in uncircumcision, **for him to be father of all faithful ones through uncircumcision**, for righteous character to be reckoned to them also; and the father of circumcision to those not of circumcision only, but also to those walking by the paths of the faith of our father Abraham during uncircumcision.*

Father of the Faithful, father of Circumcision, and father of all Hebrews. Lots of fatherly examples set in place by him. The Covenant of Circumcision is just the start of better Covenants to come. These are vital to the completion of the Plan of Salvation, which, is patterned after a faithful and loving Marriage Covenant. There will need to be a Second Adam and a Second Eve. The events we see in Genesis about Abraham and Sarah and their faithful relationship, as “one” with the Being we know as Yehovah/The Word, are the underpinning patterns of what is expected on a grander scale to come.

*Genesis 17:1-2 And when Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord (Yehovah) appeared to Abram and said to him, I am the **Almighty God** (Shadday El, singular)! **Walk before Me and be without blemish** and I will make My Covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly.*

Yehovah/The Word just revealed himself to Abram by the name Shadday El. It is their Covenant name because He would be the protector of the **physical covenant** that was being put in place.

Exodus 6:2-4 And God (Elohim) spoke to Moses and said to him, I am Yehovah. And I appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as El Shadday and by My name Yehovah I never made Myself known to them. And I established My Covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their sojourn in which they temporarily turned aside to lodge.

That is very important. The Covenant relationship between the Patriarchs and Almighty God (Shadday El) was predicated on His promise to keep them safe for doing what He had them do. It is a physical covenant, thus He was the Almighty God (El) among all the gods (elohim) of the nations, so He says, don't fear in your sojourn. Do not fear the pagan nations nor their gods, for I am the one who they will fear in My Covenant with you. The name Yehovah, will become a Covenant name for the patriarch's descendants in the future, specifically as to its meaning. So, if He was not known as Yehovah, who then?

Genesis 15:1-2 After these things the Word of Yehovah came to Abram in a vision, saying, do not fear, Abram; I am your shield, your reward will increase greatly. And Abram said, Lord God (Adonay Yehovih), what will you give me since I go childless; and the heir of my house is Eleazar of Damascus.

Abram knew the Being Yehovah as Adonay Yehovih (#3069 not #3068 in Strong's). That is the personal name of that member of the Elohim who had all the contact with man in the scriptures. That is understandable because of the intimate relationship they shared in all of this. They were on a first name basis.

Genesis 15:7-8 And He said to him, I am Yehovah who caused you to come out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to inherit. And he said, My Adonay Yehovih (not Lord God, which is a deliberate and deceptive translation), by what shall I know that I shall inherit it.

This is the name Abram knew Him by. Now, he was learning a different name for His Friend and Protector: Shadday El. Their Covenant would be confirmed in that name. Abram and Sarai will also receive new Covenant names as well. That is a pattern which will continue in future Covenants which started here in the Covenant of Circumcision.

That is not all we learn from Genesis 17:1-2. He was to walk without blemish before Shadday El from now on. No more excuses, for the record shows he had some nasty slipups prior to this. If he would do that, he would be blessed in every promise Yehovah/The Word had made to him. Without blemish is the Hebrew word *tamyin* which we discussed at some length earlier in the study. It was a physical condition requirement, to be able to be presented before God (Elohim). **Abram was the first “living sacrifice” and set that pattern for the future Covenant relationships. We too are to be *tamyin*, without blemish before God. It is a daily function just like the daily offerings/sacrifices will become in the terms and conditions of Israel’s Marriage Covenant.**

Romans 12:1-2 Therefore brothers, I call on you through the mercies of God to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy, fully agreeable to God, which is your logical service. But do not be twisted together with this age, but be hereafter adjusted by the renewing of your mind, to prove you are fully agreeable with the good and perfect will of God.

Abram’s faithful example set the pattern in the Plan of Salvation in place through his relationship with Adonay Yehovih/Shadday El/The Word. This is important in the timeline of the Plan, for we are seeing the physical consummation of the **father of Circumcision and the father of the Hebrews put in place**. However, we are not seeing his designation as the father of the faithful put in place here for it comes later with a very difficult test and example which will be patterned and followed on a spiritual level between the Elohim.

The Pattern of New Names

We have addressed Yehovah’s Covenant name, now let’s address Abram’s. Both had new names and that is very significant. The pattern of new names in Covenants to come is being established right here. So, before we move on in Genesis let’s take a quick look at this pattern so we do not lose sight of the significance of it. The pattern starts with the Being: The Word/Yehovah (one of the Elohim), who Abram initially calls Adonay Yehovih but then becomes known to him as Shadday El with the Covenant of Gen 17. Later, we will see this Member of the Elohim, became to be known as the Lamb of the Father’s Household and

the Husband of the Marriage Covenant with Israel, fulfilling the spiritual goal of becoming the righteous Second Adam for the righteous Second Eve.

Hebrews 1:4 Having become so much better than the angels (in His lowly physical existence), He has inherited a name more excellent than they.

Revelation 19:12-13 And His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on His head many binding acts, having a name that had been written, which no one knows except Himself (we still don't know); and having been clothed in a garment which had been dipped in blood. And His name was called *The Word of God.*" (Prior to divesting Himself of all His Glory and now was again)

Our Savior/Husband, the Second Adam, has been known by many names which define all the functions He personally has in the Plan of Salvation. Revelation 19:16 tells us of another name He will be known as; King of kings and Lord of lords.

Now, some new names assigned to those who qualify to be the Bride in Father's household, the Second Eve.

Revelation 3:12 The one overcoming, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God (Father), and he shall not go out any more. **And I will write the name of My God on him, and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of Heaven from MY God, and My new name.**

Revelation 14:1 And I saw, and behold, the Lamb standing on Mount Zion! And with Him were one hundred and forty-four thousand, **with the name of His Father having been written on their foreheads.**

Revelation 22:4 And they will see His face; **and His name will be on their foreheads.**

It is all an amazing pattern the Elohim set in place here with Abraham and Sarah with great hope of future events going with it.

Genesis 17:3-5 And Abram fell on his face. And God (Elohim) spoke with him, saying, As for Me, My Covenant is with you, and you shall

be a father of Many Nations. And your name shall no longer be called Abram; but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations (or groupings of people).

It is important at this time here in the timeline of the Plan to take note that **Abram now has a new name reflecting more accurately the future result of the blessings he will be receiving for keeping his part of the Covenant.** This new name of Abraham is yet another designation of being a **lifted-up father, or elevated father** as Abram means. He is assigned a total of 4 designations of father.

Genesis 17:6 And I will make you immensely fruitful, and I will give you for (the making) of nations; and kings will come out of you.

A quick inventory of his being immensely fruitful; Isaac with his two sons who formed two groups of people; then Jacob with his 12 sons and all the descendants involved; then Ishmael with his 12 sons and all their descendants. Those came through Sarah and Hagar. Now, the third wife Keturah (meaning incense) who bore him 6 more sons: Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah and all their descendants. Many of whom play rolls in the future of the Hebrew people. Hagar was an Egyptian, and as for Keturah we don't know her nationality, but Abraham sent all her sons off to the east to separate them from Isaac. That gives us some indication that there was probably a connection through Keturah to the region. Ishmael was close by, just to the east. Many of Keturah's sons went further eastward with their gifts their father had given them. Attempting to discover who all of Abraham sons are today is a really fun study which helps to show who is who in the middle east at this time and who is aligned with whom, the ancient family connections, as well as the ancient hatreds which developed.

*Genesis 17:7-8 And I will establish My Covenant between Me and you, and your seed after you in their generations for a perpetual Covenant to be God (Elohim) to you and to your seed after you. I will give to you and to your seed after you (only through Isaac, **the son of promise**) the land of your sojourning, all the land of Canaan, for a never-ending possession, and I will be their God (Elohim).*

Once again, please notice the conditions here, ***if they worship Him as their God.*** That becomes a very big problem. Thus, many are removed from the Land. It is all connected together and there are rules in place for the people involved to follow. Always choices to make which shows the Elohim what is the intent and character of the heart.

Genesis 17:9-13 And God (Elohim) said to Abraham, you shall keep My Covenant, you and your seed after you in their generations. ***This is My Covenant which you shall keep between you and Me and your seed after you: every male child among you shall be circumcised. And you shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin. And it shall be a visible sign of the Covenant between Me and you. And a son of eight days shall be circumcised among you, every male in every generation, he that is born in the house, or bought with silver from any foreigner who is not of your seed.***

Everyone who comes into his household throughout their generations needs to be circumcised, to bear the outward visible physical sign of the physical Covenant set in place, **as to the Land of Canaan.** Even a foreigner who comes into the house needs to comply with this command set in the terms and conditions of the Covenant of the Land. If not, a penalty would be applied.

Genesis 17:14 And an uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of the foreskin, his breathing existence shall be cut off from his people for he has broken My Covenant.

These same terms will apply to a future Covenant, a Marriage Covenant. However, as we discussed earlier in the study, it will be a circumcision made without hands, a circumcision of the heart. Let's not forget that Sarai receives a new Covenant name at this time as well which will reflect her part in the Covenant promises. It is through her seed that they will be fulfilled, not through Ishmael, or for that matter any of the other sons of Abraham through Keturah.

Genesis 17:15-22 And God (Elohim) said to Abraham, you shall not call your wife Sarai (division) by her name Sarai, for Sarah (Queen) shall be her name; and I have blessed her and also given to you a son from her. Yes, I have blessed her and she shall become nations; kings

*of people shall be from her. And Abraham fell on his face and laughed. And said in his heart, shall a child come to be born to a son of one hundred years? And shall Sarah bear, a daughter of ninety years? (the promises are to be fulfilled in Isaac and his seed) And Abraham said to God (Elohim), O that Ishmael (El gives ear) might live before You! And God (Elohim) said, your wife Sarah truly shall bear you a son, (so stop mocking Me with your laughter and just for that) and you shall call his name Isaac (mocking laughter). And I have established My Covenant with him for a Perpetual Covenant and with his seed after him. And as to Ishmael, I have heard you. Behold, I have blessed him and will make him fruitful and will multiply him exceedingly. He shall father twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation. But I will establish My Covenant with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at the appointed time next year. And He finished talking with him. And God (Elohim) **ascended up** from Abraham.*

The matter of who would receive the Covenant promises was closed, no more discussion or speculation. The entirety of Canaan was gifted to Isaac and his descendants who are the twelve tribes of Israel. Ishmael was given his own territories as the record shows. As well, upon Abraham's death, both Isaac and Ishmael buried him. His other sons were far departed to the lands of the east.

Abraham as Father of the Faithful

To date we have seen that Abraham was the father of Circumcision, father of the Hebrews, and father of Many Nations. Now, we are going to read about the test which confirmed to all that he is the father of the Faithful as well.

***Hebrews 11:17-19** By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, he who had received the promise offered up his only begotten of whom it was said, in Isaac your seed shall be called, reckoned that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from where he indeed had obtained him in a figurative sense. (Because of his and Sarah's age limitations)*

Let's read about that as it happened.

Genesis 22:1-5 *And after these things, God (Elohim), testing Abraham, said, to him, Abraham! And he said, I am here. And He (The Word/Yehovah) said, now take your son, who you love as your only begotten, and go into the land of Moriah: and there offer him for a burnt offering on one of the mountains which I will tell to you. And Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, (Why? Two witnesses confirm a matter) and his son Isaac. And he split wood for a burnt offering. And he rose up and went to a place which God (Elohim) had said to him. And on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from a distance. And Abraham said to his young men, you stay here with the ass. I and the boy will go on to a place, that we may worship, **and may return to you.***

Do we understand the significance of that statement? Abraham was confident one way or the other, they would both be returning. That is what Paul in Hebrews was just telling us, that Abraham believed, even if he had to kill him, that God would raise him from the dead for He was faithful in His promises

Genesis 22:6-12 *And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac; (The only begotten Son of the Father also had to carry His own wooden cross in which He would be killed on) and he took the fire and the knife in his hands. And the two went together. And Isaac spoke to his father Abraham and said, my father. And he said, I am here, and he said see, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering? And Abraham said, my son, God (Elohim) will see to the lamb for Himself for a burnt offering. And the two of them went together. And they came to the place that God (Elohim) had said to him. And Abraham built the altar and arranged the wood. And he bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on the wood. And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. And the messenger of the Lord (Yehovah) called to him from the heavens and said, do not lay your hand on the boy nor do anything to him. **For now I know that you revere God (Elohim) and you have not withheld your son, your only begotten (of promise) from Me.***

Verse 14 is a prophesy about this place to come. This is a special place to the Elohim for it is at this location that The Father and Son will be separated for the first time in eternity.

Genesis 22:14 And Abraham called the name of that place: Yehovah Will See; so that it is still called that today, in the Mount of Yehovah it will be seen. (Yes, it will be later in the timeline of the Plan)

How does one begin to address the depth of Abraham's faithful obedience and trust in his Friend to keep the promises He had made to him? This distinctive narrative of those events will be used in the future to test the relationship of the two Beings we know as the Elohim, the US. The Father will also be offering up His only begotten Son on behalf of mankind to move the Plan of Salvation to another level. **This depth of relationship between Abraham and Yehovah/The Word is the new standard the Elohim will be looking for.** They have a faithful husband and wife team, working as "one" in the things they are doing. Each has their own function but both work towards a commonly shared goal.

In the first section of this study we took the time to briefly address who this God Being was that was having all the interaction with mankind on behalf of both of the Elohim. This is a mystery to many today and should not be. This Yehovah: The Word/El Shadday/Adonay Yehovih is the Being who emptied Himself of all His divine glory to become Jesus Christ. It is He who was Abraham's Friend in all his sojourning years. Abraham loved Him exceedingly and rejoiced when they were together. Jesus addresses this so very clearly when instructing the Jews often (those who keep the traditions of the elders) but never so pointedly than in

John 8:56-59 Your father Abraham leaped for joy in the day that he could view My former self and he saw and rejoiced. Then the Jews said to Him, you do not yet have fifty years, and have You seen Abraham? (They knew exactly what He had just said) Jesus said to them, truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham came into being, I AM! Then they took up stones that they may throw at Him..." (to kill Him for blasphemy)

He just told them He was their God after telling them in the following;

*John 8:54-55 Jesus answered if I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing; it is My Father who glorifies Me, **whom you say is your God, but you have not known Him; but I know Him, and if I say that I do not know Him, I would be like you, a liar! But I know Him, and I keep His word.***

That is to the point. He tells them they have never known His Father even though they say He is and was their God.

The apostle John was tasked with correcting all the heresy and rewritten history which had invaded the church. His Gospel, Epistles, and Book of Revelation are treasure troves of truth. He defeated the revisionist history efforts of the minions of Satan. His records explain to us who was who amongst the Elohim and what Their functions in the Plan were and will be.