FFM : VAYERA: GEN 18:1-22:24, 2 KINGS 4:1-37, LUKE 17, ROM 9, GAL 4, HEB 6

"And Yahweh appeared to him." — Genesis 18:1

In this portion, Yahweh reveals His character in extraordinary circumstances: a barren womb, a wicked city, a desperate mother, and a son lying upon an altar.

Each situation reveals something about the heart of our heavenly Father.

THE TENT OF ABRAHAM — MAKE ROOM FOR HIS PRESENCE: GENESIS 18:1–14

Abraham is sitting at the entrance of his tent when Yahweh appears to him.

Abraham welcomes the visitors with hospitality, food, water, and rest.

Then comes the announcement that Sarah will have a son. But Sarah laughs because, naturally speaking, the promise seems impossible.

Yahweh responds: "Is anything too difficult for Yahweh?" — Genesis 18:14

Abraham already had a covenant, but he was still waiting for the fulfillment.

A promise from Yahweh does not mean there will be no waiting season.

Sometimes His presence becomes most precious while we are still waiting.

CONNECTION TO THE RENEWED COVENANT: LUKE 1:34–37

Miriam asks how she will conceive, and the angel announces that nothing is impossible with Elohim.

The birth of Isaac and the birth of Yeshua are not identical events, but both reveal Yahweh's supernatural power to bring His promised purpose into the world.

The womb of Sarah and the womb of Miriam both testify that covenant promises are not limited by human impossibility.

What Yahweh promises, He has the power to accomplish.

Do not measure Yahweh's faithfulness by how long you have waited. His appointed time is not controlled by our limitations.

THE HOUSE OF THE SHUNAMMITE — THE PROMISE CAN LIVE AGAIN: 2 Kings 4:8–37

The Shunammite woman prepares a small upper room for the prophet Elisha. She provides him with a bed, table, chair, and lamp.

Like Abraham, she makes room to welcome a servant of Yahweh.

And just as Sarah receives the announcement of a son, this woman receives the promise that she, too, will embrace a son.

Sarah was beyond the natural expectation of childbirth. The Shunammite woman had no son, and her husband was old. Both women received children through Yahweh's intervention.

But the Shunammite's story continues. Her promised son dies. She goes to seek Elisha, and through Yahweh's power the child is restored to life.

In Genesis 22, Isaac is placed upon the altar, yet his life is spared.

In 2 Kings 4, the promised son dies and is restored.

In Hebrews 11:17–19, Abraham's faith is described in terms of Yahweh's power to raise the dead. Hebrews says Abraham received Isaac back figuratively.

A powerful picture of resurrection hope.

Luke 24, Yeshua Himself stands alive before His disciples after His resurrection.

The covenant of Yahweh is not defeated by the appearance of death. What seems finished to human eyes is not beyond Yahweh's power.

Do not abandon your trust in Yahweh when the promise encounters suffering. The One who gave the promise remains faithful.

THE WIDOW'S OIL — YAHWEH WORKS WITH WHAT REMAINS: 2 KINGS 4:1–7

Her husband has died. Her creditors threaten to take her sons. Elisha asks what she has in her house. She has almost nothing — only a small jar of oil.

Yet that small amount becomes the beginning of extraordinary provision.

She gathers empty vessels, closes the door, and begins pouring until there are no more vessels.

Sometimes we focus so much on what we have lost that we overlook what Yahweh has preserved.

A little oil may appear insufficient, but in His hands it becomes enough.

The widow saw the little oil as evidence of poverty; through the prophet's instruction, that same oil became the means of provision.

Offer Yahweh what you have, however small. Obey His instruction faithfully, and trust Him with the outcome.

ABRAHAM'S INTERCESSION FOR SODOM — A COVENANT HEART CRIES FOR OTHERS: GENESIS 18:16–33

Abraham does something extraordinary. He intercedes.

Abraham understands both Yahweh's justice and His mercy. He does not rejoice over the destruction of sinners. He pleads for their lives.

The closer Abraham walks with Yahweh, the more concerned he becomes for the lives of others.

Luke 17:28–30, Yeshua uses the days of Lot to warn about spiritual unpreparedness.

Yeshua also teaches us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us (Matt 5:44).

We are therefore called both to discern the times and to pray with compassion.

Let First Foundation Ministries be a house of intercession — a people who stand in the gap for families, communities, and nations.

HAGAR IN THE WILDERNESS — YAHWEH OPENS OUR EYES: GENESIS 21:14–19

Hagar and Ishmael find themselves in the wilderness, and their water is exhausted. Elohim hears the voice of the boy

"And Elohim opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water." — Genesis 21:19

Sometimes our greatest need is not a change in our circumstances but the ability to recognize Yahweh's provision within them.

The God of Abraham is also the Elohim who hears the cries of the distressed.

When you feel abandoned or exhausted, remember that Yahweh hears, sees, and cares. Asks for opened eyes to recognize His leading.

MOUNT MORIAH — FROM VAYERA TO YAHWEH YIREH: GENESIS 22:1–19

Yahweh tests Abraham's faith regarding Isaac, the promised covenant son.

הִנֵּנִי — Hineni — "Here I am." Expressing availability and attentive readiness.

- Genesis 22:1 — Abraham answers Elohim.

- Genesis 22:7 — Abraham answers Isaac.

- Genesis 22:11 — Abraham answers the messenger of Yahweh.

When Isaac asks where the lamb is for the burnt offering, Abraham responds: "Elohim will provide for Himself the lamb." — Genesis 22:8

Isaac is not sacrificed. A ram is provided instead. Abraham names the place Yahweh Yireh, expressing Yahweh's provision.

Isaac is the beloved son of covenant promise.

Yeshua is the beloved Son through whom Yahweh brings redemption.

Isaac carries the wood for the offering. Yeshua bears the wood of His execution.

Isaac is spared by Yahweh's intervention. Yeshua willingly gives His life and is raised from the dead.

The ram provided for Isaac becomes a prophetic picture through which Messianic believers can contemplate the greater provision made through Yeshua.

John 1:29 declares Yeshua to be the Lamb of Elohim who takes away the sin of the world.

Yahweh appears to Abraham.

Yahweh sees the circumstances of His people.

Hagar's eyes are opened.

Abraham sees the ram.

And Abraham comes to know that Yahweh sees and provides.

What began with Yahweh revealing Himself ends with Abraham understanding His faithfulness more deeply.

- Will we welcome Yahweh's presence while waiting for His promises?
- Will we continue trusting Him when circumstances appear impossible?
- Will we intercede for others with compassion?
- Will we allow Him to open our eyes to His provision?
- Will we respond with Hineni — "Here I am" — even when we cannot see the outcome?

Our heavenly Father is faithful in every season.

He is Yahweh who appears, Yahweh who hears, Yahweh who sees, and Yahweh who provides.

And through Yeshua HaMashiach, we have the glorious assurance that even death does not have the final word.