

THE WRITINGS OF ABRAHAM

Part Three

CHAPTER 101

AND the Lord took me out of the camp and He said, Look now toward heaven and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them.

2. And He said unto me, So shall thy seed be.

3. And I said unto him, Lord God, how wilt thou give me this land for an everlasting inheritance?

4. And the Lord replied, Though thou wast dead, yet am I not able to give it thee?

5. And if thou shalt die, yet thou shalt possess it, for the day cometh that the Son of Man shall live but how can he live if he be not dead?

6. He must first be quickened.

7. And the Lord touched the eyes of mine understanding that they were opened and I beheld the days of the Son of Man, for I beheld Him ministering unto my seed, teaching them the law of God, healing the sick, casting out devils and doing many wonderful works.

8. I saw also the Son of Man lifted up upon the cross for the sins of men; wherefore I wept for the wickedness of man which could crucify the Son of God.

9. Nevertheless, I saw also that He should rise again from the dead, wherein mine heart did rejoice and my soul found rest in the knowledge that though I should die, yet again in the flesh should I see God and dwell in the land of mine inheritance.

10. For I saw also the days of the coming of the Son of Man upon the earth in the last days when He shall descent with ten thousands of His saints according to the prophecy of Father Enoch and the earth shall be cleansed by fire.

11. Then all shall rise to stand before God, both the just and the unjust, to be judged according to their works.

CHAPTER 102

AND the Lord said unto me, I, the Lord thy God, saved thee from the fire in the land of Shinar and from the hand of the wicked priest and from all the evil intentions of king Nimrod and I brought thee into this land that I might give it to thee as an everlasting inheritance.

2. Now, I knew that the word of the Lord was true. Nevertheless, I desired to know more of this inheritance which the Lord had provided me.

3. Wherefore, I said, Lord, how shall it be that I shall inherit this land wherein I am a stranger?

4. And the Lord said unto me, Take me an heifer of three years old and a she goat of three years old and a ram of three years old and a turtle dove and a young pigeon.

5. Divide each of these in the midst and lay one half on each side of an open place, except the birds thou shalt not divide but lay one on each side.

6. Wherefore, I went and did according to all that the Lord had commanded me and when the fowls came down upon the carcasses, I drove them away.

7. And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon me and lo, in the sleep was a great horror of darkness.

8. And I cried unto the Lord, saying, O Lord, what meaneth this great horror of darkness?

9. And the Lord said unto me, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land which shall not be theirs and shall be in bondage to strangers, even to the seed of Ham who shall again overrun the land of Egypt.

10. And thy seed shall be afflicted and serve them four hundred years.

11. But at that time, I shall judge the seed of Ham and thy seed shall come up out of the land of Egypt with great substance.

12. And as for thee, thou shalt die and go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age.

13. But in the fourth generation thy seed shall come higher again for the iniquity of the Canaanites is not yet full.

CHAPTER 103

AND it came to pass that when the sun was down and it was dark, behold, two personages passed between those pieces which I had divided.

2. And their countenance was as fire such that I could hardly look upon them and the one said to me, Behold, of thy seed shall the Messiah come who shall redeem all those who believe on His name and walk in His footsteps.

3. Wherefore, repent and call upon the name of the Son all thy days that in the end thou mayest dwell with me in my mansion.

CHAPTER 104

NOW when Sarah saw that she bare neither son nor daughter, it grieved her heart.

2. And she said unto me, Take therefore Hagar, daughter of Pharaoh, to be thy wife, for she is a woman now.

3. And let her come into my bed and let her womb be unto thee in the place of mine to raise up seed unto thee.

4. Hagar also was willing to enter this covenant and it was according to the voice of the Spirit of God; wherefore, Sarah gave Hagar to be my wife and Sarah and Hagar were as one wife unto that the seed of Hagar might be also the seed of Sarah.

5. For Hagar had been raised by Sarah and been taught by her and had followed Sarah in ways of righteousness.

CHAPTER 105

AND when I came into unto Hagar in Sarah's bed, she conceived.

2. And when Hagar saw that she had conceived, she rejoiced greatly and began to be lifted up in pride and to despise Sarah and she taunted Sarah, saying, Surely I am better than thee for in all the years thy lord hath lain with thee, thou hast not conceived, but lo, in this short time, I have conceived from the seed of my lord.

3. And Sarah was grieved in her heart and she said unto me, Surely Hagar hath wronged me and thou also hast contributed to her wrong, for she hath spoken despitefully to me in thy presence, yet thou hast done nothing to correct her.

4. But I replied to Sarah, Surely Hagar is thy child for thou hast instructed her from her youth.

5. Correct her, therefore, as seemeth thee good.

CHAPTER 106

HOWEVER, when Sarah attempt to correct Hagar, Hagar grew angry and determined to return unto her father's people; wherefore, she departed into the wilderness.

2. But an angel of the Lord met her by a well where she stopped to rest and he said unto her, Hagar, daughter of Sarah, who gave thee unto her husband Abraham and took thee into her own bed that thou mightest raise up seed unto her, why art thou thus fleeing into the wilderness from the camp of Abraham?

3. And Hagar replied, I am returning to the land of my father for it grieveth me to be bound to Sarah.

4. And the angel of the Lord said to her, Return unto Sarah and be subject unto her for she is given to thee to be a mother unto thee and this seed is hers as well as yours.

5. The Lord will multiply thy seed exceedingly so that it shall not be numbered for multitude and thou shalt bear a son and shall call his name Ishmael, because the Lord hath heard thy prayers and answered them.

6. He will be a man of the desert and a man of war; nevertheless, many shall join themselves unto him and his people shall be great.

CHAPTER 107

HAGAR replied, What shall I say is the name of him who beareth these glad tidings.

2. And the angel replied, Beerlahairoi, for know thou that God seest thee in all places whithersoever thou shalt be.

3. And Hagar said, I know that God seest me, for He hath this day sent His angel to minister unto me.

4. Wherefore, Hagar returned unto the tent of Sarah and at the appointed time she bare unto me a son and I called his name Ishmael, according to the word of the angel.

5. And I was four score and six years old when Hagar bare Ishmael unto me.

CHAPTER 108

AT the end of thirteen years, the Lord appeared unto me and He said unto me, Abraham, because thou hast been faithful in all things unto me from the time thou wast three years old, and behold, now thou art ninety and nine, therefore, I will establish my covenant with thee for with thee I shall commence a new dispensation of the gospel that from this time forth all those who would be sealed into me must be sealed into thee.

2. Wherefore, I will send Noah unto thee in the tabernacle, and he will bestow upon thee the keys of this priesthood, for the city of Melchizedek will I take up from off the earth and there will be a new beginning in thee.

3. For I will greatly multiply thy seed and I will make them my ministers that through thy priesthood all the peoples of the earth shall be blessed.

4. Therefore, from this time forth shall every male child among you be circumcised in that his foreskin shall be opened in token of the opening of his heart to the light of the gospel.

5. And on the eighth day shall ye do it that ye may remember that on the eighth day they shall be baptized that the blessing of the gospel may come upon them.

6. This is according to the covenant I made with Adam in the garden Eden, but I instructed Noah and Shem not to administer this covenant unto thee that thou mightest receive it in token of this new covenant which I make with thee.

7. Although I gave these ordinances in the beginning unto Adam, yet the sons of men have continually gone astray from my precepts and have not kept mine ordinances which I gave unto their fathers.

8. They have neglected the ordinance of baptism which I commanded unto them in token of the burial of the natural man and have ceased to receive the anointing whereby they become kings and priests unto me.

9. Yea, they have turned from my commandments and changed mine ordinances and have replaced baptism with the washing of children which they call baptism.

10. But, behold, this is no baptism, for I will atone for the fall of Adam; wherefore, little children are innocent until they reach the age of accountability.

11. But the sons of men have rejected mine atonement wherein I will offer Mine Only Begotten Son for the sins of the world, for they say that the blood of righteous Abel was shed for sins, thereby rejecting Me as their Savior.

12. But thou hast upheld mine ordinances. Therefore, thy seed shall sprinkle all nations, for thou shalt be a father of many nations.

13. And thou shalt be fruitful and many nations shall come of thee and kings of nations shall be of thy seed.

14. Moreover, ye shall not cut yourselves in your fore skins after the manner of the heathen, for this is the lesser law and applieth only to those who have had part of the gospel cut off from that which they have received.

15. But your hearts are opened to the fullness of my gospel wherefore your fore skins shall be opened.

16. For if it were profitable for you to be without a foreskin, then would your father beget you in you mother without a foreskin.

17. Take not y away what God hath given.

18. But let your fore skins be opened, for this is the true circumcision and it will be profitable unto you as a covenant written in your flesh, which shall be an everlasting covenant.

19. Your daughters also shall be circumcised upon the marriage bed when the matrix is opened by the entrance of her husband, for this is an holy ordinance, and it is completed at the birth of her firstborn; wherefore it is written that the firstborn which openeth the matrix is holy because it is an instrument in the performance of an holy ordinance.

20. Now, go into the tabernacle and fast and pray until Noah cometh to bestow upon thee the keys of which I have spoken.

CHAPTER 109

WHEN the Lord had departed from me, I went into the tabernacle and I remained there fasting and praying for three days.

2. And at the end of that time Noah came to me and he said, Hail, Abraham, for thou art highly favored of the Lord.

3. Behold, I come to thee from the city of Enoch my father to bestow upon thee the keys which I received from Enoch many years ago, for thou shalt stand at the head and thy posterity shall be without number and in thee and in thy seed after thee shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.

4. When Noah had departed from me, I rose up and was circumcised by Eliezer and all the males of mine house were circumcised with me, including my son Ishmael who was thirteen years old at this time.

5. And I conferred upon my son Ishmael the Priesthood of Elias and ordained him to be a priest that he might minister before the Lord.

6. But Ishmael did not honor his priesthood, taking it to be a light thing, which thing was a grief of heart unto me for I knew that in heaven he was counted as having no priesthood because he honored it not; wherefore, I did not call upon him to act in the priest's office.

CHAPTER 110

AND the Lord appeared unto me in the plains of Mamre and he said unto me, Behold, Ishmael shall not be thine heir, neither Eliezer, for Sarah will I bless and I will give thee a son of her.

2. She shall be the mother of nations and kings and people shall be of her.

3. Then I fell upon my face before the Lord and I rejoiced and I said unto Him, O Lord, it is a wondrous thing that this promise should be fulfilled when I am an hundred years old and Sarah is ninety.

4. And the Lord said, Prepare thine heart to receive it, and he told me many secret things concerning the conception of the child which are great mysteries to the unenlightened, but the elect shall know them, and I rejoiced therein.

CHAPTER 111

WHEN the Lord had told me these things, I thought of my son Ishmael and I prayed, O God, grant that Ishmael might live uprightly before Thee.

2. And the Lord God replied, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son and thou shalt call his name Isaac and I will continue in him the covenant which I have established with thee to be an everlasting covenant with his seed after him.

3. And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee.

4. Behold, I have blessed him and will make him a great nation.

5. But my covenant will I establish with Isaac whom Sarah shall bear unto thee at this same time in the next year.

6. Then God left me and I saw Him ascent up into heaven and mine heart rejoiced in the promises of the Lord unto me.

CHAPTER 112

THREE months later the Lord sent unto me three of His ministering angels who were holy men of god from the city of Enoch.

2. For I was sitting at the door of my tent and I lifted up mine eyes from my meditations and, behold, three men in the distance were walking toward our camp.

3. And the Spirit of the Lord whispered unto me that they were holy men of god who had a blessing for me; wherefore, I rose up and ran to meet them; and, bowing down before them, I led them unto Sarah's tent.

4. Taking water from Sarah, I washed their feet and spreading a carpet under the tree which was at the door of Sarah's tent, I spread cushions upon it and caused them to sit down there.

5. And I called Eliezer and instructed him to send one of the young men to fetch a young and tender calf and supervise the preparation of it.

6. Sarah also supervised the young women in preparing cakes and milk and cheese, mutton and beef to eat until the calf was prepared.

CHAPTER 113

WHEN they had eaten, one of the holy men said unto me, We shall return to thee nine months hence and, behold, at that time Sarah shall bear a son.

2. Now, Sarah was listening at the door of the tent, and when she heard these words, she laughed within herself, knowing that she was past the age of bearing and I also was very old.

3. But the holy man of God rebuked her, saying, Is anything too hard for the Lord?

4. Surely when we return here nine months hence, thou shalt bear a son.

5. Whereupon the three holy men of God entered with me into Sarah's tent and blessed her.
6. And the Holy Spirit fell upon Sarah in mighty power in the blessing and she conceived according to the word of the man of God.

CHAPTER 114

THEN the three holy men of God departed from our camp, and I walked with them to bring them on their way toward Sodom.

2. And the one who had before spoken, said unto me, Abraham, we are from the city of Enoch and are ordained after the holy order of God.
3. We have come not only to bless Sarah that thou mightest have seed raised up unto thee out of her, but also on a mission which bringeth us sorrow.
4. Nevertheless, the word of the Lord came unto me saying, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I will do?
5. Nay, surely for his integrity he shall know what I am about to do.
6. Wherefore, Abraham, hast thou looked upon the iniquities of Sodom and her sister cities?
7. For they have provoked the Lord with their abominations.
8. For four times in each year they gather together to sing and dance before their idol gods and when they are dancing every man layeth hold upon the wives and daughters of his neighbors and lieth with them and this they do without authority from God, which thing is an abomination in His sight.
9. But, behold, this is the least of their sins.
10. For no man is safe who entereth their city, for when a stranger entereth there, they will take from him his goods by force and they will abuse his body, for both men and women will they bind and crowds of the Sodomites will gather about them and lie with them by force until every one who desireth to lie with them hath done so.
11. Now it is a wicked thing that men or women should be forced to lie with another against their will, but here the whole city uniteth to force this wicked thing.
12. Moreover, when they have stolen a man's goods and abused his flesh, they will torture him and when they tire of torturing him, they will leave him naked and without food or water to die in the streets of their city and it is forbidden by the law for anyone to help such an one by giving him food or drink.
13. Moreover, the people of these cities have numerous idol gods before which they practice every kind of abomination without authority.

14. Wherefore, the Lord hath sent us to gather the righteous out of the cities before they are destroyed.

15. So saying, the three embraced me and kissed me and went on their way toward Sodom.

CHAPTER 115

BUT I remained a long time where they had departed from me thinking on the things they had said, for it grieved mine heart that these great cities with all their inhabitants should be destroyed.

2. Wherefore, I, too, went down to the vicinity of Sodom and I called upon the name of the Lord there.

3. And when He answered me out of heaven, I said unto Him, O Lord God, merciful and kind, wilt thou destroy the inheritances of the righteous because of the wicked?

4. Nay, O Lord, far be it from Thee to do this thing. Wilt thou not spare the inheritances of the righteous?

5. Peradventure there may be fifty righteous in the city, wilt thou in thine anger destroy the city and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous that are in it?

6. Surely thou wilt not destroy the inheritances of the righteous because of the wicked.

7. Such a judgment should never be passed according to the justice of thine holy law which is in thy bosom.

8. And the Lord said, If I find in these cities fifty righteous who keep the laws and precepts of God and have not partaken of the abominations of the Sodomites, then surely I will spare the whole country for their sake.

CHAPTER 116

NEVERTHELESS, I ventured to speak before the Lord again, for I know that all His ways are just.

2. And I said unto Him, O Lord, suppose there shall lack but five of the fifty righteous. Wilt thou destroy the whole land for the lack of five men?

3. And He said, If there be forty five righteous in the land, I will not destroy it.

4. And I spake unto the Lord again, saying, O Lord, I know that I am yet but dust and ashes, for although I am, by the testimony of thine own mouth, declared to be a son of God, yet I am not yet glorified to be like thee.

5. Nevertheless, be not displeased with me when I plead in behalf of the righteous; for suppose there shall be forty righteous in the land?

6. And He said, I will not destroy it if I find there forty.

7. Then I said, O Lord, thou hast been patient indeed with thy servant; wherefore, I shall speak yet again before thee, Suppose there shall thirty righteous be found there?

8. The Lord replied, I will not destroy it if I find thirty there.

9. Then I spake again saying, I have ventured to speak before the Lord; shall I now cease lest the righteous be destroyed with the wicked?

10. Suppose there shall be twenty righteous found in the land?

11. And the Lord said, I will not destroy it for the sake of twenty.

12. Finally I said, Oh, let not the Lord be displeased and I will speak only once more.

13. Suppose ten righteous shall be found there?

14. And he said, I will not destroy it for the sake of ten.

15. But thou, Abraham, remain here in prayer and fasting until my messengers return unto thee, for if ten righteous be not found in the land, I shall gather out those righteous who are found there and thou shalt be caught up of the earth to call down fire and brimstone upon the land by an holy ordinance inasmuch as thou art a priest and a king forever after the order of the Most High God, having the right of the Firstborn which hath come down from the fathers to exercise absolute authority over thy posterity, even the right of life and death under the direction of the Holy One.

16. Nevertheless, remember that this authority can only be exercised under the direction of heaven, for when any man exerciseth his priesthood contrary to the will of heaven, his priesthood is forfeited, his authority passeth away and he can call upon the powers of heaven to accomplish no work from that day forward.

17. Wherefore, let all men repent of the exercise of unrighteous dominion and turn unto the Lord their God, that they be severed not from the rights of His House.

18. So saying, the Lord departed from me and I remained in that place in fasting and praying, awaiting the return of the three messenger.

CHAPTER 117

THIS is the account which Lot told unto me, Abraham, concerning the coming of the three messengers unto him in Sodom.

2. For Lot was sitting in the door of his house in the city of Sodom conversing with two of his sons-in-law who were Sodomites, when he saw three men approaching down the street of the city.
3. And the Spirit of the Lord whispered unto Lot, Behold these are my messengers who bring tidings of salvation.
4. Lot, therefore, rose up to meet them and bowing down before them, said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house and tarry all night that I may wash your feet and anoint your heads and feed you, and in the morning ye may go on leaving only a blessing upon the head of your servant.
5. And they said, Nay, but we will abide in the street tonight for we have heard that it is not safe to enter into the house of a Sodomite lest we be abused and tortured and killed and our property stolen from us.
6. But Lot replied, Not so, my lords, for I am no sodomite, but a true worshiper of the Lord Jehovah and I know that ye are his messengers for his Spirit hath shown me this thing.
7. Then, when Lot had confessed his faith in the Lord Jehovah, the angels entered with him into his house and he did set before them a feast with unleavened bread and wine and they blessed it and partook thereof and Lot's family also partook and were filled.

CHAPTER 118

WHEN Lot's two sons-in-law saw him take the strangers into his home, they went straightway unto the magistrates of the city for it was unlawful in the city of Sodom to entertain a stranger in your home.

2. Wherefore, the people of Sodom surrounded Lot's house, both young and old, all the people of the city.
3. And one of them called to Lot and said, where are the men whom thou tookest into thine house tonight?
4. Behold, thou knowest that it is contrary to our laws to thus entertain strangers.
5. Nevertheless, we will forgive thee for thou art a mighty prince among us; therefore, bring forth the men unto us that we may lie with them and do unto them according to all the desires of our hearts.
6. But Lot went out the door to the front of his house and securing the door behind him, he confronted the Sodomites.
7. And Lot said to them, I pray you, my brethren, do not these wicked things, for it is contrary to the law of the Most High God who is king over all, to force anyone to lie with another.

8. Repent now, therefore, that the wrath of the Most High God fall not upon you and ye with your city be destroyed.

9. But they were angry with Lot and they cried unto him, Stand away from the door lest we take thee also.

10. Thou hast come in among us and partaken of the good of our land and we have treated thee with honor although thou wast a stranger. dost thou now make thyself a judge over us?

11. And their anger increased against Lot and they said unto him, Behold, we will deal worse with thee than with them.

12. Wherefore, we shall take thee and thy daughters and the men who have come in unto thee and any others in thine household who shall please us and we will do with you according to all our desires.

13. But Lot replied, Behold now, I have two daughters who have not lain with man.

14. Let me, I pray you, plead with you that ye take them not according to this wickedness and abuse them according to your abominations, for the most High God will surely destroy this city if ye repent not.

15. Wherefore, ye shall do nothing unto me nor my daughters nor the strangers that are within my gate nor any of mine household, for God will smite you in the attempt.

16. And their anger increased yet more against Lot an they came near to break down the door, but the messengers of God who were holy men bearing the Power of the Priesthood after God's holy order, put forth their hands, pulled Lot into the house and shut the door behind him.

17. Then they smote the people of Sodom with blindness so that they could not find the door.

CHAPTER 119

AND one of these holy men said unto Lot, Take now all that appertaineth unto thee, whether persons or goods, our of this city, for the wrath of God is upon this place and tomorrow it shall be destroyed because the cries of those who have been abused here have risen unto the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth and the abominations of the Sodomites have come up before His face.

2. Wherefore, surely upon the morrow the vengeance of the Lord shall fall upon Sodom that neither root nor branch shall be left here for the fullness of their iniquity hath come upon them and in the fullness thereof they shall be cut off.

3. Therefore, Lot went forth at that time and spake unto his sons-in-law and his married daughters and all who had gone forth with him from our camp, saying, Up, get you out of their place for on the morrow the Lord will destroy this city.

4. But his words were as foolishness unto them and they mocked him.

5. And Lot returned unto his house in sorrow.

CHAPTER 120

WHEN morning came, the men of god hastened Lot saying, Arise, take thy wives and thy daughters who are here with thee in the house and depart hence lest ye be consumed by the wrath of god which shall be visited upon the iniquities of Sodom.

2. And while they were preparing to depart, Lot's heart being full of sorrow at leaving his daughters and his daughters' children to be destroyed, the men of God took him by the hand with his wives and his daughters, for the Lord had mercy upon Lot because of his integrity, because he had not bowed down unto false gods nor entered into the abominations of Sodom.

3. And Lot thought to dwell in Zoar; wherefore, he hastened there, but his wife Ado turned back unto the city of Sodom.

4. Ado was the daughter of Eli, the son of Eliezer, which Eli had accompanied Lot to Sodom.

5. And Ado thought upon her parents and her daughters who remained in the city, her heart was pained within her and she turned back unto them and was lost.

6. But Lot entered with the rest of his family into Zoar and was there when the cities of the plains were overthrown.

CHAPTER 121

THEN the three holy men of god came unto me, Abraham, where I was fasting and praying nigh unto Sodom, and they lifted me up into the heavens and taught me the ordinances the key words and the sings by which I might call down fire and brimstone upon the cities.

2. And I did as I was commanded by the angels of god and the cities were destroyed.

3. And when I saw the destruction of the land, mine heart was sorrowful, but the Lord said unto me, I have had mercy upon Lot and have sent him out of the city that he was not destroyed, for he was the only righteous man in all the cities.

4. Wherefore, mine heart was comforted.

CHAPTER 122

AND when the destruction was over, Lot feared to continue dwelling in Zoar, lest it also should be destroyed.

2. Wherefore, he took his family and went unto the cave of Adullam and dwelt there.

3. And the word of the Lord came unto Lot saying, Go in now unto thy two daughters who are with thee who have not known man, for they shall conceive by thee that thy posterity shall not be cut off from the earth.
4. So Lot went in unto his two daughters and lay with them and they conceived by him.
5. And the firstborn bare a son and called his name Moab.
6. And the younger also bare a son and she called his name Benammi.
7. And Lot dwelt in the cave for five years and after that he took his wives and his daughters and his sons whom his daughters had borne unto him and dwelt on the other side of Jordan.
8. And the Lord blessed him and prospered him and he dwelt in safety.

CHAPTER 123

AFTER the destruction of the cities of the plains, I, Abraham, journeyed to the south to the land of Gerar.

2. Now the king of the land of Gerar was Abimelech, and he was one who worshiped the Most High God and he was just and upright in all his ways.
3. And Abimelech had entered the Holy Order of God and was a priest and a king after the Order of the Most High God and had received the rites and ordinances of the gospel.
4. As a youth he had dwelt with me in the city of Shalom and he was as a brother unto me and we shared all things.
5. When Sarah and I went in unto Abimelech to commune with him, the Spirit of the Lord fell upon Abimelech and he blessed Sarah in great outpourings after the Order of the Ancients and anointed her that she might bear holy seed and we rejoiced in the blessings of the Lord unto Sarah through the three holy men from the City of Enoch and through His servant Abimelech.
6. And the Spirit of the Lord fell upon me also and I blessed her and anointed her that the Spirit of the Lord might fall upon her in a greater outpouring to the sanctification of herself and her seed.
7. And we rejoiced together for three nights and two days and worshiped the Lord our God and were filled with joy and peace in the blessings of the Lord unto us.
8. And we were magnified in the Lord.

CHAPTER 124

THE next night, after Sarah and I had returned to our camp, Abimelech was seated upon his throne praying when a sleep from the Lord fell upon him and he slept there all that night.

2. And while he slept, he dreamed a dream in which an angel of the Lord with a drawn sword in his hand came and stood above him.

3. And Abimelech was frightened at the angel, but the angel said unto him, Fear not, for because thou hast faithfully entered into the rites and ordinances of my gospel and hast walked an holy walk before me and didst uphold Shem and Abraham after him in the work which I have called them to do in maintaining mine holy order in the earth, behold, I am sent to stand by thy side and shall protect thee against all the power of the adversary.

4. For thy sins are forgiven thee and thine exaltation is sure and thou shalt dwell forever in the presence of thy God.

5. So saying, the angel departed from the vision of Abimelech, but he felt his presence near him from that time forth and the adversary thereafter exercised no power over him.

CHAPTER 125

WE had dwelt in Gerar nine months when the three holy men of God again visited us and Sarah gave birth to a son.

2. And on the eighth day he was circumcised according to the commandment of the Lord to me and I called his name Isaac. The child grew and when he was three years old he was weaned and I made a great feast on the day he was weaned.

3. And Melchizedek, king of Shalom, with Eber his heir and Abimelech, king of Gerar with his son, Abimelech, and Pharaoh, king of Egypt, father to Hagar and Ishmael, and all the mighty princes of the land came to the feast which I prepared, for these were the men whom I loved, with my brethren Aneram, Eshcol, and Mamre.

4. My father, Terah, also, and my brother, Nahor, came unto the feast having heard that Sarah had borne a son. And we all rejoiced before the Lord for many days that my son Isaac had reached the age of weaning from his mother.

5. And from that time forth Sarah and I introduced the lad into the tabernacle and began to instruct him in the mysteries of godliness that he might be prepared in his youth to enter into the Holy of Holies and be instructed there.

6. For Shem had instructed me in the city of Shalom that children should be instructed in the temple from the age of weaning which is three years old, that they should be instructed in the Holy of Holies from the age of puberty which is twelve years old, and that they should be endowed with power from on high from the age of maturity, which is fourteen years.

7. But inasmuch as I had not journeyed unto the city of Shalom until I was ten years old, I was prepared for the blessings of the Lord's House in only a few years.

CHAPTER 126

MY son Ishmael I did not introduce into the Lord's House in his childhood because he was not spiritual in his nature, but he was a hunter, proficient in the use of the bow and other instruments of death.

2. Nevertheless, the Lord was with Ishmael and blessed him for my sake in all to which he put his hand.

3. When Isaac was five years old, he was sitting with Ishmael at the door of Hagar's tent where Ishmael was sharpening his arrows, for Ishmael was sixteen years old at this time.

4. As they thus sat at the door of Hagar's tent, Isaac picked up one of Ishmael's arrows and brake it.

5. Seeing this, Ishmael grew angry and taking another arrow, he fitted it to his bow intending to slay Isaac, but the Lord touched his heart so that he did not slay him.

6. But Sarah saw this thing which Ishmael had intended to do to Isaac and she was grieved at it.

7. That night when I entered the tent of Sarah, she said to me, Let Hagar and her son be sent to dwell apart, for this day did Ishmael seek to slay Isaac.

8. Now these words caused me great sorrow for I did not desire to see my family divided.

9. But that night an angel of the Lord came unto me in a dream, saying, Hearken unto the words of Sarah, thy wife, and let Hagar and her son Ishmael dwell apart lest harm come upon they son Isaac who shall be thine heir.

CHAPTER 127

THEREFORE, I arose early in the morning and took Hagar and my son Ishmael into the deserts of Arabia where dwelt a people who were friendly to me.

2. And there I built with Ishmael a temple unto the Lord our God that his seed might always be kept in remembrance of the Lord.

3. And Hagar and Ishmael dwelt among the people of the desert and were content, and Ishmael was a mighty hunter with the bow among them.

4. And every year at a certain time I went and dwelt with my wife, Hagar, and with my son, Ishmael.

5. And when Ishmael was twenty years of age, his mother asked my consent to take him to the house of her father in Egypt, for she longed to see her family again.

6. Wherefore, I gave them my blessing and they departed into the land of Egypt where they remained one year.

7. And while they were in Egypt, Ishmael took to wife Meribah, daughter of Phanes, son of Pharaoh, king of Egypt.

8. And after he had taken Meribah to wife, they remained in the land of Egypt yet ten years and Meribah bare unto Ishmael four sons and two daughters.

9. After this time, Ishmael took his mother and his wife and his children and returned to the deserts of Arabia.

10. And the Lord blessed Ishmael for my sake and increased him in flocks and in herds and in good things.

CHAPTER 128

WHEN Ishmael had returned from the land of Egypt, I went as was my custom to stay with my wife Hagar and my son Ishmael.

2. And when Ishmael was away hunting, his wife Meribah spake disrespectfully to me and complained of my being in their tents.

3. Moreover, she abused her children and when I chastised her for this thing, she rose up in anger against me.

4. My wife Hagar saw all these things, and when her son Ishmael had returned from the hunt, she complained unto him of the actions of Meribah toward me.

5. And Ishmael came unto me and said, My father, what shall I do with such a wife who abuseth my father and my children and speaketh evil of me, for she had spoken against her husband Ishmael, also.

6. And I said unto him, Such an one is not fit to be thy wife nor the mother of thy children nor to dwell in thy tents; wherefore, give her a bill of divorcement and send her back to the home of her father in shame and find another more worthy than she to be thy wife and the mother of these children.

7. So Ishmael gave unto Meribah a bill of divorcement and sent her back to her father Phanes in the land Egypt and his mother Hagar raised his children until he took another wife.

CHAPTER 129

THE next year Ishmael came to my camp and when he had kissed me and we had eaten together, he said unto me, My father, according to thine instructions I did give unto my wife Meribah a bill of divorcement and sent her back to the home of her father in shame.

2. Now, therefore, I come unto thee to seek thy counsel concerning obtaining another in her place.

3. Now, it pleased me that my son Ishmael had come to me regarding choosing a wife.
4. Therefore, I sought among the women of my camp and found two who were desirous of being wife to Ishmael, even Zola, the daughter of my wife Peleliah and Naiomi, the daughter Kemuel, the son of Kish, who had been among the believers who met in the room of my mother in the city of Ur.
5. And I was pleased to give them unto my son Ishmael because he had come to me for counsel and because he had begun to magnify his priesthood for he did worship the Lord our God and sought to overcome his weaknesses.
6. And Ishmael and his family dwelt with me a long time in Gerar and after that, when I moved my camp to Beersheba, which is by Hebron.

CHAPTER 130

AND Sarah and I continued to teach our son Isaac and instruct him in the ways of the ancients that he might be initiated into the Holy Order of God and receive the blessings of eternal lives.

2. And Isaac did know the Lord and the Lord was with him and did bless him greatly because he was full of faith and love and did good to all he met.