

The Great Divide Foretold

Israeli/Jewish and Arab/Muslim Conflict

Part 1

John 1:1 AMPC

1 In the beginning [before all time] was the Word ([a]Christ), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God [b]Himself.

John 14:6 AMPC

6 Jesus said to him, I am the Way and the Truth and the Life; no one comes to the Father except by (through) Me.

John 8 AMPC

1 But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

2 Early in the morning (at dawn), He came back into the temple [[a]court], and the people came to Him in crowds. He sat down and was teaching them,

3 When the scribes and Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery. They made her stand in the middle of the court and put the case before Him.

4 Teacher, they said, This woman has been caught in the very act of adultery.

5 Now Moses in the Law commanded us that such [women—offenders] shall be stoned to death. But what do You say [to do with her—what is Your sentence]?

6 This they said to try (test) Him, hoping they might find a charge on which to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with His finger.

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7 However, when they persisted with their question, He raised Himself up and said, **Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.**

8 Then He bent down and went on writing on the ground with His finger.

9 They listened to Him, and then **they began going out, conscience-stricken,** one by one, from the oldest down to the last one of them, **till Jesus was left alone,** with the woman standing there before Him in the center of the court.

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10 When Jesus raised Himself up, He said to her, Woman, where are your accusers? Has no man condemned you?

11 She answered, No one, Lord! And Jesus said, I do not condemn you either. **Go on your way and from now on sin no more.**

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12 Once more Jesus addressed the crowd. He said, **I am the Light of the world. He who follows Me will not be walking in the dark, but will have the Light which is Life.**

13 Whereupon the Pharisees told Him, **You are testifying on Your own behalf; Your testimony is not valid and is worthless.**

14 Jesus answered, Even if I do testify on My own behalf, My testimony is true and reliable and valid, **for I know where I came from and where I am going;** but you do not know where I come from or where I am going.

15 You [set yourselves up to] judge according to the flesh (by what you see). [You condemn by external, human standards.] I do not [set Myself up to] judge or condemn or sentence anyone.

16 Yet even if I do judge, My judgment is true [My decision is right]; for I am not alone [in making it], but [there are two of Us] I and the Father, Who sent Me.

17 In your [own] Law it is written that the testimony (evidence) of two persons is reliable and valid.

18 I am One [of the Two] bearing testimony concerning Myself; and My Father, Who sent Me, He also testifies about Me.

19 Then they said to Him, Where is this [b]Father of Yours? Jesus answered, You know My Father as little as you know Me. If you knew Me, you would know My Father also.

20 Jesus said these things in the treasury while He was teaching in the temple [[c]court]; but no one ventured to arrest Him, because His hour had not yet come.

21 Therefore He said again to them, **I am going away, and you will be looking for Me,** and you will die in (under the curse of) your sin. Where I am going, it is not possible for you to come.

22 At this the Jews began to ask among themselves, Will He kill Himself? Is that why He says, Where I am going, it is not possible for you to come?

23 He said to them, **You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world (of this earthly order); I am not of this world.**

24 That is why I told you that you will die in (under the curse of) your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He [Whom I claim to be—if you do not adhere to, trust in, and rely on Me], you will die in your sins.

25 Then they said to Him, Who are You anyway? Jesus replied, [Why do I even speak to you!] I am exactly what I have been telling you from the first.

26 I have much to say about you and to judge and condemn. But He Who sent Me is true (reliable), and I tell the world [only] the things that I have heard from Him.

27 They did not perceive (know, understand) that He was speaking to them about the Father.

28 So Jesus added, When you have lifted up the Son of Man [on the cross], you will realize (know, understand) that I am He [for Whom you look] and that I do nothing of Myself (of My own accord or on My own authority), but I say [exactly] what My Father has taught Me.

29 And He Who sent Me is ever with Me; My Father has not left Me alone, for I always do what pleases Him.

30 As He said these things, many believed in Him [trusted, relied on, and adhered to Him].

31 So Jesus said to those Jews who had believed in Him, If you abide in My word [hold fast to My teachings and live in accordance with them], you are truly My disciples.

32 And you will know the Truth, and the Truth will set you free.

33 They answered Him, We are Abraham's offspring (descendants) and have never been in bondage to anybody. What do You mean by saying, You will be set free?

34 Jesus answered them, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, Whoever commits and practices sin is the slave of sin.

35 Now a slave does not remain in a household permanently (forever); the son [of the house] does remain forever.

36 So if the Son liberates you [makes you free men], then you are really and unquestionably free.

37 [Yes] I know that you are Abraham's offspring; yet you plan to kill Me, because My word has no entrance (makes no progress, does not find any place) in you.

38 I tell the things which I have seen and learned at My Father's side, and your actions also reflect what you have heard and learned from your father.

39 They retorted, Abraham is our father. Jesus said, If you were [truly] Abraham's children, then you would do the works of Abraham [follow his example, do as Abraham did].

40 But now [instead] you are wanting and seeking to kill Me, a Man Who has told you the truth which I have heard from God. This is not the way Abraham acted.

41 *You are doing the works of your [own] father. They said to Him, We are not illegitimate children and born out of fornication; we have one Father, even God.*

42 *Jesus said to them, If God were your Father, you would love Me and respect Me and welcome Me gladly, for I proceeded (came forth) from God [out of His very presence]. I did not even come on My own authority or of My own accord (as self-appointed); but He sent Me.*

43 *Why do you misunderstand what I say? It is because you are unable to hear what I am saying. [You cannot bear to listen to My message; your ears are shut to My teaching.]*

44 *You are of your father, the devil, and it is your will to practice the lusts and gratify the desires [which are characteristic] of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a falsehood, he speaks what is natural to him, for he is a liar [himself] and the father of lies and of all that is false.*

45 *But because I speak the truth, you do not believe Me [do not trust Me, do not rely on Me, or adhere to Me].*

46 *Who of you convicts Me of wrongdoing or finds Me guilty of sin? Then if I speak truth, why do you not believe Me [trust Me, rely on, and adhere to Me]?*

47 *Whoever is of God listens to God. [Those who belong to God hear the words of God.] This is the reason that you do not listen [to those words, to Me]: because you do not belong to God and are not of God or in harmony with Him.*

48 *The Jews answered Him, Are we not right when we say You are a Samaritan and that You have a demon [that You are under the power of an evil spirit]?*

49 *Jesus answered, I am not possessed by a demon. On the contrary, I honor and reverence My Father and you dishonor (despise, vilify, and scorn) Me.*

50 *However, I am not in search of honor for Myself. [I do not seek and am not aiming for My own glory.] There is One Who [looks after that; He] seeks [My glory], and He is the Judge.*

51 *I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, if anyone observes My teaching [lives in accordance with My message, keeps My word], he will by no means ever see and experience death.*

52 *The Jews said to Him, Now we know that You are under the power of a demon ([d]insane). Abraham died, and also the prophets, yet You say, If a man keeps My word, he will never taste of death into all eternity.*

53 *Are You greater than our father Abraham? He died, and all the prophets died! Who do You make Yourself out to be?*

54 *Jesus answered, If I were to glorify Myself (magnify, praise, and honor Myself), I would have no real glory, for My glory would be nothing and worthless. [My honor must come to Me from My Father.] It is My Father Who glorifies Me [Who extols Me, magnifies, and praises Me], of Whom you say that He is your God.*

55 *Yet you do not know Him or recognize Him and are not acquainted with Him, but I know Him. If I should say that I do not know Him, I would be a liar like you. But I know Him and keep His word [obey His teachings, am faithful to His message].*

56 Your forefather Abraham was extremely happy at the hope and prospect of seeing My day (My incarnation); and he did see it and was delighted.

57 Then the Jews said to Him, You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?

58 Jesus replied, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, before Abraham was born, I Am.

59 *So they took up stones to throw at Him, but Jesus, by mixing with the crowd, concealed Himself and went out of the temple [[e]nclosure].*

Jesus is telling the religious people and leaders along with anyone else who wants to listen who He is. He is telling them about Abraham who they already believe in, admire, respect and are descendants of. Jesus is relating the physical to the spiritual.

The Jewish people believed and had faith who Abraham was but not who Jesus is. He was the fulfillment of the Word and Abraham was the fulfillment of being obedient to the Word and his story along with Isaac and Jacob a foreshadowing of who Jesus is.

Jesus along with the New Testament writers continuously connected faith with obedience to God's Word. The 2 are connected and that is the pattern we see from the story of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

James 2:17-24 AMPC

17 So also faith, if it does not have works (deeds and actions of obedience to back it up), by itself is destitute of power (inoperative, dead).

18 But someone will say [to you then], You [say you] have faith, and I have [good] works. Now you show me your [alleged] faith apart from any [good] works [if you can], and I by [good] works [of obedience] will show you my faith.

19 You believe that God is one; you do well. So do the demons believe and shudder [in terror and horror such as [a]make a man's hair stand on end and contract the surface of his skin]!

20 Are you willing to be shown [proof], you foolish (unproductive, spiritually deficient) fellow, that faith apart from [good] works is inactive and ineffective and worthless?

21 Was not our forefather Abraham [shown to be] justified (made acceptable to God) by [his] works when he brought to the altar as an offering his [own] son Isaac?

22 You see that [his] faith was cooperating with his works, and [his] faith was completed and reached its supreme expression [when he implemented it] by [good] works.

23 And [so] the Scripture was fulfilled that says, Abraham believed in (adhered to, trusted in, and relied on) God, and this was accounted to him as righteousness (as conformity to God's will in thought and deed), and he was called God's friend.

24 You see that a man is justified (pronounced righteous before God) through what he does and not alone through faith [through works of obedience as well as by what he believes].

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Jesus, James and the other writers in the New Testament refer to Abraham and his descendants. It sounds like we need to know and understand why... As we go through this series I will give you Abraham's background from where he lived, how he grew up, his family and descendants. There is much to learn about Abraham... Jesus said so.

I want to end part 1 showing you what Jesus was referring to in John 8:56 when He said 56 *"Your forefather Abraham was extremely happy at the hope and prospect of seeing My day (My incarnation); and he did see it and was delighted"*.

He was reminding the audience of today, the religious people what was happening or manifesting right before their eyes was already foretold by someone they believe. This brings together not only the Words of Jesus but James as well in verse 21 of chapter 2...In Genesis 22, God says to Abraham take your son as an offering...

Genesis 22:3-4 AMPC

3 So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and then began the trip to the place of which God had told him.

*4 On the third day **Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance.***

Genesis 22:3-4 KJV

3 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.

*4 Then on the third day **Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off.***

The Bible says that **Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place afar off**. This is where it gets good... there are two Hebrew phrases used here. When you translate this from the Hebrew this is how it reads:

Genesis 22:4 “Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw something about God in the future”.

So, Pastor Grant, do you think that Abraham looked ahead and saw something that would take place in the future? This is what Jesus said...remember: Jesus only speaks the Word and since the beginning was the Word. There is nothing new under the sun, God has already told us from the beginning what would happen in the end. Jesus is revealing or unveiling that which was already spoken, the revelation or understanding of the Word which had already been spoken.

John 8:56 AMPC

*56 Your forefather Abraham was extremely happy at the hope and prospect of seeing My day (My incarnation); **and he did see it and was delighted.***

John 8:56 KJV

*56 Your father Abraham **rejoiced to see my day:** and he saw it, and was glad.*

Jesus said - He saw it...

So why does he take Isaac here? Remember, he had paid the tithe to Melchizedek. He gave his first OFFERING here to the first king and priest. Now, he takes his first son here as an offering where he paid the tithe.

Genesis 22:1-3 KJV

1 And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am. 2 And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

3 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his (donkey) ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.

Why did he do this here? Because, he knows where the blessing is or the land of the blessing.

You have Abraham the father, who is a type of God the father, with his only son Isaac, as a type of Christ, to go to the mountain which is right there in Jerusalem.

He then takes wood, that Isaac carries up the mountain...

Genesis 22:6 AMPC

6 Then Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and laid it on [the shoulders of] Isaac his son, and he took the fire (the firepot) in his own hand, and a knife; and the two of them went on together.

Just like Jesus who had to carry the cross and had someone help him.

Luke 23:26 AMPC

26 And as they led Him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross and made him carry it behind Jesus.

Abraham lays Isaac down on the wood just as Jesus is laid down on the cross...

Genesis 22:9 AMPC

9 When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there; then he laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar on the wood.

Mark 15:22,24 AMPC

22 And they led Him to Golgotha [in Latin: Calvary], meaning The Place of a Skull.

24 And they crucified Him;

But guess what? A ram shows up and the ram takes Isaac's place...and Isaac gets up off that wood!

Genesis 22:13 AMPC

13 Then Abraham looked up and glanced around, and behold, behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up for a burnt offering and an ascending sacrifice instead of his son!

The same way that Jesus, when he died, kicked out the bottom of the grave and gets out of it and lives again...

Luke 24:1-7 AMPC

1 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] went to the tomb, taking the spices which they had made ready.

2 And they found the stone rolled back from the tomb,

3 But when they went inside, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

4 And while they were perplexed and wondering what to do about this, behold, two men in dazzling raiment suddenly stood beside them.

5 And as [the women] were frightened and were bowing their faces to the ground, the men said to them, Why do you look for the living among [those who are] dead?

6 He is not here, but has risen! Remember how He told you while He was still in Galilee

7 That the Son of Man must be given over into the hands of sinful men (men [a]whose way or nature is to act in opposition to God) and be crucified and on the third day rise [[b]from death]

Genesis 22 is a perfect picture of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ when you study all the parallels. **Remember, Moses wrote the book of Genesis and he also wrote about what Abraham saw.**

Isaac asks Abraham, “Dad where is the lamb”?

Genesis 22:7 AMPC

7 And Isaac said to Abraham, My father! And he said, Here I am, my son. [Isaac] said, See, here are the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt sacrifice?

Abraham said, “My son, God will provide himself, the lamb”.

Genesis 22:8 AMPC

8 Abraham said, My son, God Himself will provide a lamb for the burnt offering. So the two went on together.

Hold on, a ram showed up and not a lamb...look at this in verse 14

Genesis 22:14 AMPC

14 So Abraham called the name of that place The Lord Will Provide. And it is said to this day, On the mount of the Lord it will be provided.

A ram showed up instead of a lamb because Abraham knew the lamb was coming and he knew Jesus himself would become the lamb.

That's why Jesus said...

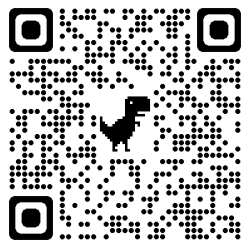
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From the stories of Abraham along with Isaac and Jacob, you and I are going to get our faith tank filled in this series because...faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. (Roman 10:17)



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