

**QUESTION: What is the name of the place where Abraham was willing to sacrifice Isaac, and then God provided a ram in the thicket?**

**ANSWER:** It was a mountain in the land of Moriah, often called Mount Moriah. Afterwards, Abraham named it "**The Lord Will Provide**" (Hebrew is YHWH-jireh, sometimes called Jehovah-Jireh). The Lord was very specific in telling Abraham on which mountain to do the sacrifice, and the significance of that is because this same location later became **the spot on which the temple was built by Solomon, and later still became the HILL of CALVARY on which God's own sacrifice of His son, Jesus took place**. Lastly, that same mountain, on the eastern side of it, on the Mount of Olives, will be the place where Jesus returns when He physically returns to earth in great power and glory. Truly, this piece of real estate has eternal significance in the plan of God!

- **Genesis 22:1-14** "Now it came about after these things, that God tested Abraham, and said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' And He said, 'Take now your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to **the land of Moriah**; and offer him there as a burnt offering **on one of the mountains of which I will tell you**. So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and Isaac his son; and he split wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. On the third day Abraham raised his eyes and saw the place from a distance. And Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey, and I and the lad will go yonder; and we will worship and return to you.' And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son, and he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. And Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, 'My father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' And he said, 'Behold, the fire and the wood, but **where is the lamb for the burnt offering?**' And Abraham said, '**God will provide for Himself the lamb** for the burnt offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together. Then they came to the place of which God had told him; and Abraham built the altar there, and arranged the wood, and bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. And Abraham stretched out his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' And he said, 'Do not stretch out your hand against the lad, and do nothing to him; for now I know that you fear (reverence) God, since **you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.**' Then Abraham raised his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him a ram caught in the thicket (bushes) by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the place of his son. And Abraham called the name of that place **The Lord Will Provide**, as it is said to this day, 'In the mount of the Lord it will be provided.'"

**Definition: "God will provide for Himself the LAMB"** - This story of Abraham is called a "type" of Christ, meaning that it is showing in a picture form the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross for our sins. Jesus is called "**The Lamb of God**" and **He is the lamb that the Father provided for all mankind**, as a sacrifice to take away our sins. God was testing Abraham to see if his faith was strong enough to trust God even in this situation, and he passed the test. However, God was also acting out the story of His sending His own Son, His only begotten Son whom He loves, to die for us.

- **John 1:28-31** "These things were done in Bethabara beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing. The next day **John saw Jesus** coming toward him, and he said, '**Behold! The Lamb of God who TAKES AWAY the sin of the world!** This is He of whom I said, "After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me." I did not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Israel, **I came baptizing with water.**'"

**Definition: "WHO TAKES AWAY the SIN of the WORLD"** - Under the New Covenant (New Testament), **our sins are completely TAKEN AWAY (remitted)** and WASHED AWAY in the BLOOD of JESUS. In the Old Testament (under the old Covenant), their sins were only COVERED TEMPORARILY until the Messiah, God's Lamb, would come to die and PAY THE PENALTY for the sins of the world. Every year, they would have the Day of Atonement to remind them that God's Lamb was not yet come, and **continual sacrifices and sin offerings** during the year. (See Exodus 30:10, Leviticus 16:30). The literal meaning of the word "**atonement**" is **covering** ("kapporah" in Hebrew, as in Yom Kippur). Now, when we believe in Jesus, and accept His sacrifice on the cross, **our sins are NOT just covered**, they are **REMITTED and TAKEN AWAY COMPLETELY** (REMIT - to release from the guilt or penalty of).

- **I John 3:5** "And you know that He was manifested **to TAKE AWAY our SINS**, and in Him there is no sin."
- **I Peter 2:24** "Who Himself bore (TOOK AWAY) our sins in His own body on the tree (cross), that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness - by whose stripes (wounds) you were healed."
- **II Chronicles 3:1** "Then Solomon began to **build the house of the Lord** (the temple) in Jerusalem **on Mount Moriah**, where the Lord had appeared to his father David, at the place that David had prepared, on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite."
- **II Samuel 24:16-25** ".....And the angel of the Lord was by the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.....So Gad came to David that day and said to him, 'Go up, erect an altar to the Lord on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.' And David went up according to the word of Gad, just as the Lord had commanded. And Ornan looked down and saw the king and his servants crossing over toward him; and Ornan went out and bowed his face to the ground before the king. Then Ornan said, 'Why has my lord the king come to his servant?' And David said, 'To buy the threshing floor from you, in order to build an altar to the Lord, that the plague may be held back from the people.' And Ornan said to David, 'Let my lord the king take and offer up what is good in his sight. Look, the oxen for the burnt offering, the threshing sledges and the yokes of the oxen for the wood. Everything, O king, Ornan gives to the king.' and Ornan said to the king, 'May the Lord your God accept you.' However, the king said to Ornan, 'No, but I will surely buy it from you for a price, for I will not offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God which cost me nothing.' So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. And **David built there an altar to the Lord**, and offered burnt offerings, and peace offerings....."
- **Zechariah 14:1-5** "....and I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle..... Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations.... and **His feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east.....and the mount of Olives** shall cleave in the midst thereof.....and the Lord my God shall come, and ALL the SAINTS WITH YOU."
- **Matthew 24:31** "Then shall **APPEAR the SIGN of the Son of Man** in heaven; and then shall all the tribes of the earth MOURN, and **they shall SEE the Son of Man coming** in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory."
- **I Thessalonians 3:13** "....at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ **WITH ALL HIS SAINTS**."
- **II Thessalonians 2:8** "And then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by **the APPEARANCE of His COMING**."
- **Revelation 1:5-7** ".....**JESUS CHRIST**, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead (*first to be resurrected*), and the ruler over the kings of the earth..... **Behold, He is COMING** with clouds, and **EVERY EYE WILL SEE HIM**, and they also who pierced Him....."