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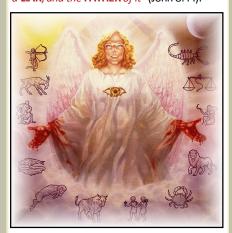
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The KILLING of Abraham's SEED

he murderer has already been identified by the Word [THE LAMB] of God: "Ye are of your father the DEVIL [TO SAY UNTRUE OR MALICIOUS THINGS ABOUT; DEFAME; SLANDER]...He was a MURDERER from the beginning, and ABODE NOT in the TRUTH, because there is NO TRUTH IN HIM. When he speaketh a LIE, he speaketh of his OWN: for he IS a LIAR, and the FATHER of it" (John 8:44).



God told the serpent [THE DEVIL] "...! will put ENMITY [HOSTILITY] between thee and the woman, and between THY SEED and HER SEED; it shall BRUISE [TO OVERWHELM] THY HEAD, and thou shalt bruise HIS [JESUS CHRIST] HEEL" (Genesis 3:15).

Thus began the **WAR** between **GOOD** and **EVIL**, and Satan **WATCHED** to see who would be **OBEDIENT** to God, and his eyes found Abel.

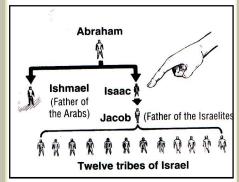
Satan murdered Abel to frustrate God's prophecy concerning his own destruction, using Cain's **UNBELIEF** in a <u>blood sacrifice</u>.

Later, Satan planted into the heart of Esau, Jacob's older brother, to slay him (Gen. 27:41) using a lie: Esau said, "...he TOOK AWAY my birthright" (Gen. 27:36) when in fact, "...Esau DESPISED his birthright" and SOLD IT to Jacob to <u>fill his own belly</u> (Gen. 25:31-34).

So far, Satan has **TURNED** the elder, Cain to murder his younger brother Abel, but God replaced him with Seth. Next, Satan

put in the heart of the elder, Esau, to murder the younger Jacob, but God stopped it.

Finally, God **PROMISED** Abraham a **SON** in his old age, and Satan <u>provoked Abraham</u> to <u>hearkened to the voice of his wife</u>, and he took Hagar, an Egyptian, to be his wife, and she conceived.



Then God said to Hagar, "...I will MULTIPLY thy SEED EXCEEDINGLY, that it SHALL NOT be NUMBERED for MULTITUDE...behold, thou art with child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name ISHMAEL [MEANING GOD WILL HEAR]...he will be A WILD MAN [RUNNING WILD; A WILD ASS; ONAGER, THAT IS, A CATAPULT FOR THROWING STONES, USED IN ANCIENT WARFARE] his HAND will be AGAINST every man, and every man's HAND against him; and he shall DWELL IN THE PRESENCE of ALL his brethren [THE JEWS]" (Genesis 16:10-12).

Later, God told Abraham, "...as for Ishmael, I have HEARD thee: Behold, I have blessed him, and will MULTIPLY him EXCEEDINGLY; TWELVE princes shall he beget, and I will MAKE HIM A GREAT NATION [IN THE SENSE OF MASSING]. BUT my COVENANT [A BINDING AND SOLEMN AGREEMENT] will I ESTABLISH with ISAAC" (Genesis 17:20-21). WHY?

Because God said to Abraham, "...I will establish my COVENANT between ME and THEE and THY SEED AFTER THEE...for an EVERLASTING COVENANT...and I will GIVE unto thee, AND to thy seed AFTER THEE, the LAND wherein thou art a STRANGER, ALL the land of Canaan, for an EVERLASTING POSSESSION; and I will be their God" (Genesis 17:7-8). And, "If God be FOR US, WHO can be AGAINST US" (Romans 8:31)? Vengeance is MINE..." (Romans 12:19).

Throughout history, the tiny nation Israel has been besieged by the children of its "Elder brother Ishmael" and their Gentile alliances, and God has remembered her, and delivered Israel out of their hands.

From the wars of <u>the Crusades</u> led by the <u>Roman Catholic Church</u> to the gruesome power of <u>the German army</u>, Israel is still here.



But Satan's final assault is brewing to once again, exterminate God's chosen people, and <u>this time</u>, it will be <u>the King of Israel Himself</u> who will defeat her enemies. "...KNOWING the time, that NOW it is HIGH TIME to AWAKE out of sleep: for our salvation is NEARER than when we BELIEVED" (Romans 13:11).

