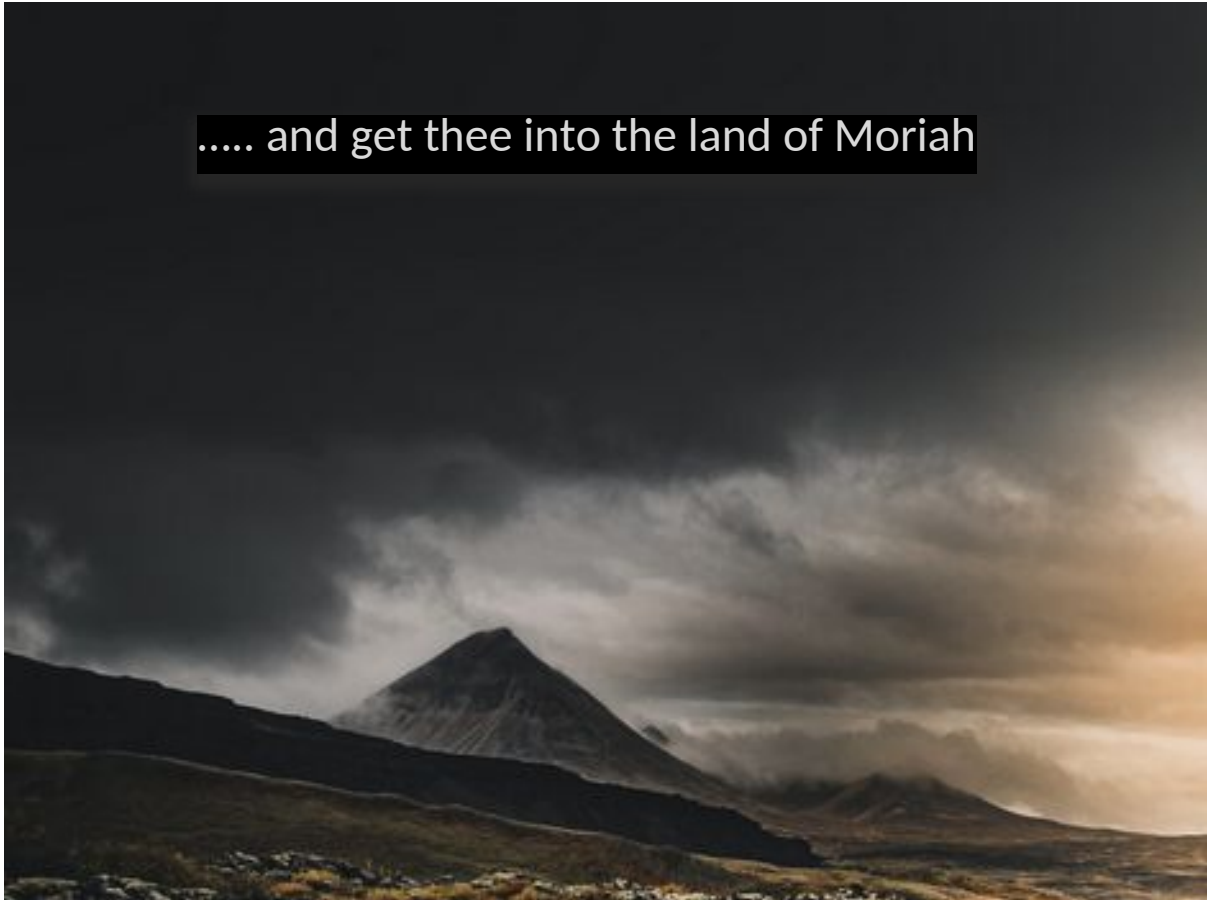


Jehovah Jireh – Our Provided Sacrifice

..... and get thee into the land of Moriah



The Barren Womb Provides a Deliverer

Genesis 18.10 *And He said "I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life and lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son"*

Genesis 18.14 *"Is anything too hard for the Lord?"*

God Tests Abraham

God's Purpose *And it came to pass after these things that God did test Abraham*

Genesis 22.1

God's Test *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"*

Genesis 22.2

Abraham's Response *And Abraham rose up early in the morning, saddled his ass,*

Genesis 22.3a

But Why Moriah?

Abraham was in the land of the Philistines in a place he named Beer-Sheba (Gen 21.31-34) which means “well of the oath,” so named because of the covenant between Abraham and Abimelech regarding a well their servants had fought over (Gen 21.25-26).

Moriah (*modern day Jerusalem*) was over 100 miles to the northeast of Beer-Sheba, so why not just make the sacrifice where he was? But God chose Moriah!

The Hebrew Meaning of the Word Moriah

Like the word Bereshit which we studied in Genesis 1.1, Moriah is a word complex that carries multiple meanings, all of great biblical/theological significance. These meanings are summarised in the following table

Etymology	Expanded Word Meaning
<i>yara'</i>	To fear or revere, reverence the name <i>yah</i>
<i>ra'a</i>	To see, <i>yah</i> (From which the name <i>Adonai el Roi</i> , the God who sees is derived)
<i>marar</i>	Myrrh, bitter teaching, <i>yah</i>

Taken all together, the expanded meaning of the word Moriah in our English bibles is a place of reverential awe of YHWH who sees and teaches through bitter experience

The Place of Moriah in Biblical History

Genesis 22.1-19	Abraham & Isaac
II Samuel 24.18-25	David buys the threshing floor of Araunah and makes a sacrifice to YHWH to stop the plague which occurred as a result of David numbering the army of Israel
II Chronicles 3.1	Solomon builds the temple of the Lord on this exact spot
Zechariah 1.7-6.8	The returning exiles from Babylon build the second temple of the Lord
Mark 15.21-23	The crucifixion, the ultimate sacrifice, is made at the very place Abraham took Isaac, in Aramaic referred to as Golgotha. Note the significance of the wine mingled with myrrh he was offered

Zechariah 14.1-4 & Luke 1.32 The final story of Moriah is yet to be told

The Place of Moriah in Messianic Prophecy

Genesis 22.4-8

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

And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and **I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.**

And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together.

And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?

And Abraham said, **My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering:** so they went both of them together.



All that Moriah has seen pales into insignificance compared to this

Zechariah 14.1-4