



# Let Us Fall Now into the Hand of the LORD

## The Numbering of the People

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- David's Mindset
- Unpacking Genesis 22
- Tying the Past to the Present

Core: True faith **constantly mulls over the Word of God.**

Why: **did David dedicate the temple after all of this?**

For years, David had longed to find a place for the ark.



# The Place

Psalms 132:2-6



“Until I find out a place for the LORD”

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And how long had David been thinking about this?

“we heard of it at Ephratah” → Bethlehem!

Genesis 35:19

I Samuel 17:12

“we found it in the fields of the wood” → Kirjathjearim

“city of forests”

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I Chronicles 13:5

He specifically wanted to find a place for the ark.

But David wasn't thinking about this just because he thought it was interesting.  
God had promised that there would be **a place**.

Deuteronomy 12:5-6 → “the place which the LORD your God shall choose...”

This was where they would bring their offerings!

This **place** is emphasized over and over.

Deuteronomy 12:18, 21, 26, 14:23, 25, 15:20, etc.

And there was a **specific time** in which God had said He would choose **the place**:

Deuteronomy 12:10-11 - “But when ye go over Jordan, and dwell in the land which the LORD your God giveth you to inherit, and when he giveth you rest from all your enemies round about, so that ye dwell in safety; Then there shall be a place which the LORD your God shall choose to cause his name to dwell there; thither shall ye bring all that I command you; your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, your tithes, and the heave offering of your hand, and all your choice vows which ye vow unto the LORD.”

2 Samuel 7:1 - “And it came to pass, when the king sat in his house, and the LORD had given him rest round about from all his enemies...”

It was *the right time*.

And yet David had come to the last year of his life, and still had not found *the place*.

Thus zeal for this house and for this place consumed him.

On his ascent to Araunah's threshingfloor, David likely thought of two things:

1 - The threshingfloor's location 2 Chronicles 3:1

מִזְבֵּחַ = H4179 "chosen of Yahweh" !!!!!



## Moriah and Genesis 22

2 - Abraham and Isaac David knew what had happened there!

This was the *only other time* Moriah was mentioned. Genesis 22:2

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- Perhaps motivated his placement of Goliath's head 1 Samuel 17:54
- Likely influenced his understanding that Jerusalem was where the ark should go
- Was certainly on his mind when he ordered the census

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I Chronicles 27:23-24 - “But David took not the number of them from twenty years old and under: because the LORD had said he would increase Israel like to the stars of the heavens. Joab the son of Zeruiah began to number, but he finished not, because there fell wrath for it against Israel; neither was the number put in the account of the chronicles of king David.”

When did God say that?

“the stars of the heavens” = כְּכֹכְבֵי הַשָּׁמַיִם promised to Abraham!

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Genesis 22:17 - “That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies.”

But what was the significance of Genesis 22 to *this situation*?

Other than the fact that David was walking up *Mount Moriah*...

Was there actually any relevance to what was *really on David's mind*?

# Unpacking Genesis 22

There's a key word in Genesis 22.

Given the context of David's thinking, the word likely didn't escape his notice.

Genesis 22:3 → “and went unto the place of which God had told him”

Genesis 22:4 → “and saw the place afar off”

Genesis 22:9 → “they came to the place which God had told him of”

It was just like what God had promised the Israelites.

There would be a place (מִקְוֶה; H4725):

- That God would choose
- Where they would offer His offerings
- Where He would set His name (consider its old name and new name)

At the same time, there was more to this chapter and the temple.

God made a threefold promise to Abraham.

Genesis 22:15-18 - “And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.”

1 - The seed would be multiplied → David knew this had already happened.

1 Chronicles 27:23-24

2 - The seed would possess the gates of his enemies → This had happened.

David with Goliath.

2 Samuel 7:1

2 Samuel 8

3 - The seed would bless all nations → Not really fulfilled.

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But what does it mean anyway?

Acts 3:25-26 → “in turning every one of you away from his iniquities”

Ultimately all of the promises are fulfilled in Christ.

But Israel would also fulfill these.

How could Israel bless the world?

The same way!



Israel could bless the world by bringing them to the temple!

That's where they could find atonement.

At least, that's what David understood.

David saw the temple as being for *all the nations of the earth*:

I Chronicles 16:24-31 → “bring an offering, and come before him”

David wanted the nations to come to the ark!

Psalms 22:27 → “all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee”

Psalms 86:9 → “All nations...shall come and worship before thee”

Such was the purpose of the temple: a house of prayer for *all nations*.

And so David walked up the hill, wondering if his hopes would be fulfilled.

As he did, he again saw the terrifying scene:

1 Chronicles 21:15 - “And the angel of the LORD stood by the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite.”

*The Past and the Present*

But as the picture began to unfold in David's mind...

...one can almost hear his excitement:

1 Chronicles 21:22 - "Then David said to Ornan, Grant me the place of this threshingfloor, that I may build an altar therein unto the LORD: thou shalt grant it me for the full price: that the plague may be stayed from the people."

But David wasn't just imagining things.

The divine narrative itself supports his terms:

1 Chronicles 21:25 - "So David gave to Ornan for the place six hundred shekels of gold by weight."

This was it!

God had finally revealed the place!

# Reenacting



And what perhaps *really* solidified it for David was *the name of the place*.

Genesis 22:12-14 → “called the name of that place Yahweh Yireh”

What does this name mean? “God will provide”?

or “in the mount of the LORD it shall be seen”?

In Hebrew, it can really mean both.

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“to see” “to provide”

it is the idea of *seeing to something*

So, it's something like:

In the mount of the LORD God's provision will be seen

or

In the mount God will see to it



But, what is most fascinating about this name is that it **isn't only about Abraham.**

Certainly it reaches back to what Abraham told Isaac:

Genesis 22:8 → “God will provide himself a lamb”

But at the same time, when they walked down the hill, the name was **unfulfilled.**

Because Abraham didn't name it Yahweh Ra'ah = Yahweh saw

He named it Yahweh Yireh = Yahweh **will see**

Abraham was a prophet. Genesis 20:7

And it's as though he saw something here.

He saw that **the same thing would happen again.**

Death would threaten.

But God would provide a way.

And as David ascended the mount, he stood in that very spot.

And, he saw it all reenacted before his eyes.



*Reenacting*

And it all came together.

There was the top of mount Moriah.

There was the angel with its sword outstretched.

There was Jerusalem ready to perish.

And there was David—needing to offer an offering.

With *nothing* in his hands.

Perhaps at that point, David realized that he wasn't just seeing *pieces of Genesis 22*.  
But he was seeing *the whole story reenacted*.



Because, through Araunah, God provided a “lamb.”

This was the time when *God would provide.*

This was **Yahweh Yireh!**

In fact, the record tacitly makes that acknowledgment:

I Chronicles 21:15 - “And God sent an angel unto Jerusalem to destroy it: and as he was destroying, the LORD beheld, and he repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed, It is enough, stay now thine hand. And the angel of the LORD stood by the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite.”

“the LORD beheld” = רָאָה יְהוָה this is the *past tense* of Yahweh Yireh!

And, the same is noted when Solomon began to build the temple:

2 Chronicles 3:1 - "Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem in mount Moriah, where the LORD appeared unto David his father, in the place that David had prepared in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite."

"the LORD" not in the Hebrew! in the LXX

Hebrew reads:

2 Chronicles 3:1 HDT - "Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem in mount Moriah, where it was provided to David his father."

God was reenacting and fulfilling Genesis 22.

And for those who were present there, it would be have been abundantly clear.

The angel's sword was outstretched, just like Abraham's knife.



*Reenacting*

And then the sword was stayed. Just like Abraham's knife.

And detail after detail parallel:

Genesis 22:1 → “God did tempt Abraham”

The numbering was a temptation of Israel.

Genesis 21:31 → Abraham went from Beersheba to Jerusalem

The angel, following Joab’s route, did the same.

2 Samuel 24:7-8

Genesis 22:4 → Abraham “lifted up his eyes” and saw mount Moriah.

David “lifted up his eyes” and saw mount Moriah.

1 Chronicles 21:16

Genesis 22:4 → Abraham's hand was stayed after a 3 day journey

The angel's hand was stayed after intending to destroy for 3 days.

I Chronicles 21:12

Genesis 22:2 → Isaac, at first, was the lamb

David called the people *sheep*.

I Chronicles 21:17

Genesis 22:10 → Abraham stretched forth his hand to slay Isaac.

The angel stretched forth his hand to slay Jerusalem.

2 Samuel 24:16    שְׁלַח    H7971    יָד    H3027

Genesis 22:9 → Abraham built an altar there.  
David was commanded to build an altar there.  
I Chronicles 21:18

Genesis 22:11 → The angel called to Abraham out of heaven.  
God answered David out of heaven.  
I Chronicles 21:26

Genesis 22:13 → Abraham offered a burnt offering there.  
David offered a burnt offering there.  
I Chronicles 21:26



It was as though God was confirming David's thoughts.

David had been thinking about fulfilling the promises of Genesis 22...

...and God fulfilled *the whole chapter* in front of him!

Not only so, but the events at the threshing floor were *all about...*

*...including faithful Gentiles in God's promises!*

They were about *blessing all nations of the earth!*

Thus, as the dust settled, David realized exactly what had happened.

And so note who he calls:

1 Chronicles 22:1-2 - “Then David said, This is the house of the LORD God, and this is the altar of the burnt offering for Israel. And David commanded to gather together the strangers that were in the land of Israel; and he set masons to hew wrought stones to build the house of God.”

Because it was time for them to take part in building their place of blessing!

*All Nations*

But then he went even further...

...essentially declaring that the last unfulfilled promise was being fulfilled:

1 Chronicles 22:5 - "And David said, Solomon my son is young and tender, and the house that is to be builded for the LORD must be exceeding magnificent, of fame and of glory throughout all countries: I will therefore now make preparation for it. So David prepared abundantly before his death."

It was time for the blessing on *all countries!*

David's dream had been realized.

And it was all *clearly* by **God's design**.

Because what did Abraham go on to do?

Genesis 22:18-20 → “and Abraham dwelt at Beersheba”

Who was living in Beersheba? Genesis 21:27-34

“Milcah, she hath also born children...”

The record emphasized God's work *with Gentiles!*

And so Stephen summarized:

Acts 7:44-46 - “Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness, as he had appointed, speaking unto Moses, that he should make it according to the fashion that he had seen. Which also our fathers that came after brought in with Jesus into the possession of the Gentiles, whom God drove out before the face of our fathers, unto the days of David; Who found favour before God, and desired to find a tabernacle for the God of Jacob.”

It was by God’s design that things changed during David’s reign.

And instead of destroying Gentiles, the Jews blessed them...

...through David’s tabernacle and eventually through the temple!

Yet, there was a final piece to all of this.

Because in the midst of seeing Genesis 22, David saw another chapter:

Araunah's offer of *everything* would have reminded David of another time.

*The Final Piece*



The story came directly after Genesis 22:

Genesis 23:10-13 - “And Ephron dwelt among the children of Heth: and Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham in the audience of the children of Heth, even of all that went in at the gate of his city, saying, Nay, my lord, hear me: the field give I thee, and the cave that is therein, I give it thee; in the presence of the sons of my people give I it thee: bury thy dead. And Abraham bowed down himself before the people of the land. And he spake unto Ephron in the audience of the people of the land, saying, But if thou wilt give it, I pray thee, hear me: I will give thee money for the field; take it of me, and I will bury my dead there.”

Araunah was faithful, so it wasn't exactly the same.

But it was similar enough to likely jog David's memory.

The two records deliberately parallel.

They both end with the same words:

Genesis 24:1 - “And Abraham was old, and well stricken in age: and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things.”

1 Kings 1:1 - “Now king David was old and stricken in years; and they covered him with clothes, but he gat no heat.”

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Not only was God fulfilling Genesis 22, but he was fulfilling Genesis 23.

Genesis 23 was when Abraham bought the *first property* in Israel's inheritance!

2 Samuel 24 was when David bought the *last property*. cp. 2 Samuel 8

And so it all came together.



# Conclusion

God had finally revealed the place He had chosen.

And things were changing.



The tabernacle at Gibeon was old and waxing away.  
David was acting like a priest after the order of Melchizedek.  
And a temple—for all nations—was going to be built.

And yet, really, it all foreshadowed another time when the true priest would come.

And build a temple made out of *people*.

Because really, that's what Genesis 22 was all about.



Yahweh Yireh was *fully fulfilled* on a later date.

“Yireh” is first person, singular, and masculine.  
And thus is generally translated “HE will be seen.”  
Because *that’s really* what Abraham saw.

John 8:56 - "Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it,  
and was glad."

Abraham saw Christ's day.

And so did David.

And eventually, so did another man—when Yahweh Yireh was finally fulfilled.

Luke 2:25-32 - “And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Spirit, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation. Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.”

And perhaps it's not by accident that a certain term describes where Christ died...  
...and was buried.

cp. John 19:41 - they were the same location.

Matthew 28:6 → “see the place where the Lord lay”

Mark 15:22 → “unto the place Golgotha” “The place of a skull”

Mark 16:6 → “the place where they laid him”

Luke 23:33 → “when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary”

John 19:20 → “the place where Jesus was crucified”

John 19:41 → “the place where he was crucified”

And this place, Golgotha, received its name from an act of David.

When he was thinking about Genesis 22.    I Samuel 17:54



Indeed, David saw Christ's day.

And he saw it and was glad. Psalm 30:5

And how did he see it?

The Word of God was on his mind—all of the time!

Because truth faith **constantly mulls over the Word of God.**