

# The Provider

## “YAHUAH YIREH”

### I. SCRIPTURE

Genesis 22:14 NKJV – “And Abraham called the name of the place, YAHUAH YIREH [The-LORD-Will-Provide]; as it is said to this day, ‘In the Mount of YAHUAH [the LORD] it shall be provided’.”

### II. YAHUAH [God] PROVIDES EVEN DURING TESTING TIMES

When I announced our Message today on Facebook, instead of just passing on a blessing to everyone as I usually do, I asked my friends and family these questions: “How is everyone doing so far this year? Has God provided for all your needs?” I followed by adding that “if there is anything I can do for you, [then to] please let me know.” So, I am going to ask you today: “How are you doing so far this year? Has YAHUAH [God] provided all of your needs so far?” And I will also let each of you here today know, whether you are here in person or virtually: “If there is anything that I can do for you, please let me know.” I’m not just saying these words; I really mean them! And for me to be sincere, and to even think for one minute that I could actually provide you with anything to help you out, then I would need to have a little extra of what you might need in my own life, wouldn’t you say?

You know, for me, not that you have asked me, but I would like for you to know... that this year has been a very full one for me so far. But... I have come to know that my YAHUAH [God] Almighty is also known as great YAHUAH YIREH. Do you know what this version of His name – YAHUAH YIREH – means? Its common translation is “The LORD Who provides”.<sup>1</sup> My recollection of where His name first appears in this form is in Genesis. In chapter 22, we are told that “ELOHIYM [God] tested Abraham. He said to Abraham, “take now your son, your *only* son Isaac, *whom you love*, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.”<sup>2</sup> On our GFAN Facebook page today, I posted a picture of this story of how Abraham followed ELOHIYM [God]’s instruction:

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<sup>1</sup>. *Cepher*, (Dexter, Michigan: Cepher Publishing Group, 2018), 20.

<sup>2</sup>. Gen. 22: 1-2.



(Comment on the picture.) This story, which happened over 3,000 years ago, is one that is used frequently by atheists and God-haters to say that YAHUAH [God] isn't loving and merciful at all. As you look at this picture, what do you think of how ELOHIYM [God] rubs it in Abraham's face, when He tells him to go to this place, and to sacrifice Isaac, by telling him to **"take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love."** Yet, despite how ELOHIYM [God] said it, Abraham, whom is described as a man of faith in Hebrews, whom "by faith obeyed [YAHUAH] when he was called to go out to [a] place ... he went out, not knowing where he was going".<sup>3</sup> The writer of Hebrews could well have also added, "and by faith, Abraham obeyed YAHUAH [God], when he was called to go to the land of Moriah, and offer his *only* son Isaac, *whom he loved*, knowing the place where he was going, but not yet knowing *how* YAHUAH [God] was going to fulfill His promise to Him. For didn't ELOHIYM [God] promise him that it would be through Him and from his heirs, of whom Isaac was his "only son",

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<sup>3</sup>. Heb. 11:8-10.

that a great nation would be established? Let's read this story together, so that you and I know today how YAHUAH [God] spared Isaac:

**“Then [Abraham and Isaac] came to the place of which ELOHIYM [God] had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. But the Angel of YAHUAH [the LORD] called to him from heaven and said, ‘Abraham, Abraham! ... Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear ELOHIYM [God], since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.’ Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So, Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. And Abraham called the name of the place, YAHUAH YIREH [The-LORD-Will-Provide]; as it is said to this day, ‘In the Mount of YAHUAH [the LORD] it shall be provided’.”**

### **III. LET’S TURN TO YAHUAH YIREH [The Provider] NOW FOR ALL OUR NEEDS**

If you haven't sometimes felt yet that maybe YAHUAH [God] hasn't adequately supplied you with all your needs, then I'm here to tell you today that maybe you're right in the middle of your trip to the land of Moriah, that your 2020 and 2021 road trip is to test you, and that that you are being led into the what might be the biggest, ultimate sacrifice that you will ever have to endure. Yet, during this time, during this trip... we are to ask The Provider, YAHUAH YIREH, to “give us day by day our daily bread”<sup>4</sup>... we are to “take up [our] cross daily, and follow [Him],”<sup>5</sup> and we are not to worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. [For] sufficient for [today] is its own trouble.”<sup>6</sup> And as we are being tested, let's learn clearly that there is a distinct difference between our needs and our wants. Please ask yourself this question: “Am I asking YAHUAH [God] to supply me only for my basics needs – the “bread”, the “fish”, and the “eggs” – that he says that we should be asking Him for? Of have you been asking Him, but it seems that He is giving you the stones, serpents, and scorpions he talks about instead? He promises us this, doesn't He...?: That if you “ask, ... it will be given to you? [When you] seek, ... you will find? [When you] knock, and it will be opened to you? And, doesn't He say that “for everyone

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<sup>4</sup>. Luke 11:3.

<sup>5</sup>. Luke 9:23.

<sup>6</sup>. Matt. 6:34.

**who asks, receives? And he who seeks, finds? And to him who knocks, it will be opened?”<sup>7</sup>**

I believe that James, the brother of YAHUSHA [Jesus], has it right when he tells us, “you ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, in a wrong or inappropriate way, because you want to spend what you are asking for on your own stuff, your own pleasures, and not on eternal treasure and for something that will please YAHUAH [God]. You do not receive because you cheat on Him, because you want your stuff, you want to make yourself feel comfortable within this temporary world. In fact, you and I are so conflicted between our love for God and our love for the things of the world, that we are called adulterers and adulteresses! We are being reminded again, that YAHUAH [God] through the RUACH [Spirit] Who wants to dwell within us yearns jealously for us... wanting that we are “in-love” with only Him: the almighty, endlessly abundant Triune YAHUAH [God]!<sup>8</sup> And it’s appropriate that James brought up the RUACH HA’QODESH [Holy Spirit] in his written word... for didn’t YAHUSHA [Jesus] say immediately after telling us to ask, knock, and seek our needs from Him, that “if you [and I] then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to [our] children, how much more will [our] heavenly Father give the RUACH HA’DOESH [Holy Spirit] to those who ask Him!” So dear family and friends, what are you asking for today? What doors are you knocking on that you want to be opened for you? What are your desires, and what are you seeking today? When you are asking YAHUAH [God] by His YAHUAH YIREH [The-LORD-Will-Provide] name, you will begin to realize that there is a test of faith in your prayer. For YAHUAH YIREH does not mean “The-LORD-*might*-provide”, but it means “The-LORD-*Will*-Provide”!

Then ask yourself, when you are asking YAHUAH YIREH [The-LORD-Will-Provide] for your daily bread, are you asking Him for a relationship with the Bread of Life [YAHUSHA]? Or, when you are asking YAHUAH YIREH [The-LORD-Will-Provide] for your fish and eggs, are you are asking Him for the components of the Sacrificial Seder meal, or something else? Are you asking your church leader, the church elders for just a plain meal, or are you asking them for the complete Hillel sandwich that combines your Bread of Life [YAHUSHA] request with the herbs and spices that come together with the sacrificed lamb...? That are providing together with the hard-boiled eggs and the gefilte fish? (Comment: the Passover Seder meal, versus Bangus and Eggs, as a Filipino style Seder-type breakfast.) (Comment on the meaning of the Passover Seder meal the leader provides for His constituents.)

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<sup>7</sup>. Matt. 7:7-8.

<sup>8</sup>. James 4:3-5.



Or, when you are asking YAHUAH YIREH [The-LORD-Will-Provide] for your other necessary food – a job... enough money to pay your bills... or just enough bills to meet your money... for a proper shelter within which you can lay your head... enough peace of mind to handle your stress... enough sleep to be able to endure the next day ahead... or more pleasure in the simple things of life – time with wife, kids or pets, the moments of smelling the roses... of enjoying the weather... or just enough of whatever you need – versus whatever you want...

...are you asking YAHUAH YIREH [The-LORD-Will-Provide] just to be able to have a complete RUACH [Spirit]-filled life in Him, where His pleasure that fills us is sufficient enough for our own pleasure ?

#### IV. GIFTS AVAILABLE TO YOU FROM THE RUACH HA'QODESH [Holy Spirit]

When I introduce today's message about The Provider, I posted an alternative picture on my personal Facebook; this was an alternative to the one that I posted of Abraham and Isaac on the GFAN Facebook page:



In this other picture, there is a person who is receiving an outpouring of the RUACH HA'QODESH [Holy Spirit]. He appears uplifted and happy receiving what is being poured out on him. His arms are lifted up and he is being filled with the essence of what is being poured out on him. Friends, do you want what he is receiving?

I can share with you now exactly what he is receiving. From YAHUAH YEREH [The LORD Who provides], he has asked for... what he has knocked on The Door to be opened up to him... and what he has been seeking... and is now receiving is “love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control”.<sup>9</sup>

When you approach YAHUAH YEREH [The LORD Who provides], will you be asking for these things, or will you be asking for something else? Remember, if you are asking for your basic needs, to have just enough of what you need... *Remember* that your heavenly Father, the Almighty YAHUAH YEREH [The LORD Who provides], has said: “seek first the kingdom of YAHUAH [God] and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”<sup>10</sup>

## V. BENEDICTION

Let's close now in prayer together...

“Now dear YAHUAH YEREH [The LORD Who provides], who is able to keep [us] from stumbling, and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to YAH [God] our Savior, Who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen.”<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>9</sup>. Galatians 5:22b-23a.

<sup>10</sup>. Matthew 6:33.

<sup>11</sup>. Jude 24-25