The Father of Redeemed Humanity

Yochanan — Our children are really the resurrection of the human race. I am thankful that they, unlike us, grow up in an environment where they learn from the beginning not to be selfish. They are undoing the fall.

It was very good what he shared. It is significant of who we are as a people.

Abraham is the father of our faith. Adam is the father of all mankind, and the source of the fall. Abraham, the father of our faith, reverses the fall. *Father* means source. Our Father called Abraham and promised to make him into a great nation (Gen 12:1-3). Our Father in Gen 15:17-18 promised the land to Abraham's descendants, for a new people that would counteract the fall, a whole new man. That's the faith Abraham received. We see who we are here, if we can really understand it.

Genesis 15 talks about that covenant where our Father walked through those split animals (verses 17-18). If He wouldn't have a people, He Himself would be split in two (Jer 34:18). But the promise of the land to Abraham's offspring can only be fulfilled if they will do His will.

Gen 18:19 — chosen, foreknown — Abraham was willing to do His will. He had no clue as to how it would all unfold, except that he was willing. Our Father hadn't told him how it would happen. It is just like us. We were chosen because we were willing.

Gen 18:19 is the fruit of the kingdom. Gen 12:1-3 doesn't apply to the natural seed of Abraham now, in this age. It was taken away from them. It was given to another nation who would produce that fruit, as a forerunner, a witness. We have to live in peace as if Satan has been put into the abyss. It should go well with our children because they've been trained to obey their parents. It hasn't gone well with many children because they didn't respect their parents.

Eze 18:20 — These children can't blame anybody. The child that sins is responsible for his own sins. As a child becomes accountable he knows it.

Gal 3:29 speaks about a nation that belongs to Messiah. They'll produce the fruit of the kingdom and bring about the blessing that He's promised to Abraham. We know these things and we will be blessed if we do them.

In the next age Israel will have an enemy free land. They have never lived in peace for a whole 50-year period. Abraham was chosen to counteract the sin of Adam and the fallen seed. He was chosen to free man from that death sentence. "The day you eat you shall die." First you shall die a spiritual death, then a physical death.

It's appointed for man to die once, and then comes the judgment. Adam was only sentenced to the first death. The judgment determines a person's eternal destiny. It's either eternal life or eternal death. All men in Adam will be judged according to their deeds, whether they are good or bad.

Abraham was chosen to counteract, to free man from the first death. Abraham received faith. "I have chosen him because he *will* command his household." Jn 7:17 — Here we are, those who are willing to do our Father's will.

Adam is the father of all fallen mankind. Abraham is the father of all redeemed mankind, by faith. They received faith when it was spoken to them. The Israelites were raised by their parents to receive faith. They weren't automatically freed from the death sentence. What did He chose Israel for? Gen 18:19 — The children in Israel were supposed to be raised by their parents to receive faith in order to counteract the sin of Adam in them.

Abraham is the father of all who are willing to do God's will. He is the father of redeemed humanity.

Rom 6:23 is speaking of the sin of Adam, and the wages of sin is death (Heb 9:27). But the gift of God is eternal life. This frees us from the second death sentence. To be freed from the first death sentence is Jn 8:51. That applies to us. If we're not obeying His word, loving Him, we confess it. If we confess our sin now we won't even see death, not even taste it. Yes, we may die and our spirit leaves our body, but then we are absent from the body and present with the Sovereign. If we're not obedient, not doing His deeds, and we are not confessing it, we have to taste the first death.

Col 1:23 — There is a big IF there. This makes it pretty clear. We won't go to the second death like the world, but to the second death for believers if we don't keep His word. This death is age-lasting. The first death sentence of Gen 2:17 is annulled in Messiah. Adam went to the first death and so did everyone who wasn't walking with our Father. Whoever was willing to do His will would not be under the second death sentence. We didn't just go through a ritual at our *bar mitzvah*. The children chose to obey upon hearing faith from their parents. But maybe some did go through a ritual.

Abraham was chosen to command his household *after* him. All those who were chosen after him were chosen on the same basis. They received faith and annulled that death sentence they were born under.

Our Father is still concerned about the natural seed of Abraham. He put us in their place right now, as special agents, to do the deeds they never did, to produce that fruit. The natural seed says that they are the seed of Abraham. Our Master said that you have to do what Abraham did before you can call yourself the seed of Abraham.

Acts 26:6-8 — It's very wonderful what it says there. We do if *for them*, in their place (if you look in the right translation), so our Father won't be cursed. He made a self-cursing oath. This will speak to the natural seed of Abraham, if they can see this.

Gen 18:19 — We were chosen to be the prime example and witness of the kingdom.

Acts 26:6-8 — Resurrection of what? Rom 11:12-15 — A resurrection of Israel in the next age. He was talking to King Agrippa. "Don't be surprised," he said, "God can raise natural Israel." They are dead now. They rejected and crucified Messiah. But they can be saved. 3000 were saved at Pentecost and another 2000 shortly after that. But there are thousands who didn't repent.

Gen 15:5-6 — Abraham was persuaded through faith that God would do what He promised. But old Israel didn't do it. The First Edah didn't do it. They became Christianity. So there has to be a restoration of that special agent. We are to be the prime example of our Father's own special people. Then He will be able to raise up the now spiritually dead natural seed of Abraham. If we can know who we are then we have vision when we go through our struggles and hard times. Then we can go through our sufferings, like old Israel never could do, for the redemption of man. Otherwise there would never be a kingdom in the next age.

Abraham knew El Shaddai would do what He promises. Before Abraham received faith he was probably righteous as Noah was, but it was not the righteousness that comes from God by faith. Abraham had faith. But it was also given to his offspring to do it and persuade their children in the right way. There was always a line of faith going to the next generation until it was broken. That's what happened in the First Edah also. They gave up in their struggles and tribulation, and that was the end.

Noah had faith of his own. He was persuaded by his conscience to do right. Abraham received faith from God.

Gen 11 tells the story of the tower of Babel. Since that time there have been separate races, cultures, and nations. Now Châm, Shem, and Yapheth will be brought together in Messiah and will become the spiritual seed of Abraham. Gal 3:28-29 is the true seed of Abraham. It is the spiritual seed of Abraham, and the natural seed of Abraham becoming the spiritual seed of Abraham.

Faith was imputed to Abraham. God's righteousness was imputed to him. It wasn't his own righteousness. That couldn't annul the first death sentence. Our Father expected people to be righteous.

Gen 15:18 could only happen through Gen 18:19. It's impossible unless God can speak to someone, to impart His faith and His righteousness in order to annul the first death sentence and grant him eternal life.

I want to inculcate this in all of us. It has to be ours so we can truly be Abraham's seed and do his works, which are Gen 18:19. He lived by faith, continually being persuaded by our Father to do these works. That's what faith is. The holy people that receive faith from God will become His dwelling place and all the kingdoms under heaven will serve them and obey them (Dan 7:27, RSV, NRSV, NJB, ESV).

Dan 7:27 — Under the whole expanse of heaven — that's the universe; that's the eighth da*Everlasting* is lasting for an age. Some translations say *obey Him* instead of *obey them*, but they took the meaning away from the corporate man to the one man. That's Rev 21:3.

At least you can say I'm not anti-Semitic, although everybody brings everything upon themselves. That's Adam's sin. But I am not justifying Martin Luther's evil hatred of the Jews.

ha-Emeq — Abraham was the father of the willing. That's that little spark in a human being our Father can work with. He limited Himself to that one man and his children. All the pressure of our Father's purpose was on that one family. But if there was that wicked heart and they were unwilling, which Peter was preaching about at Pentecost, our Father can do nothing. He has to weed out that whole family. "Out, out, out." But then there was a little spark. 3000 were willing. Then our Father grabs people out of nowhere and sticks them in Abraham's family.

It was a sad thing when the natural sons had to be removed and be replaced by others. We wish we were the seed of Abraham, because of how we respect him, but we got grafted in and now we sit in their place.

I am thankful for the new and living way (Heb 10:19-25). Ex 29:42 says "I'll meet with you *there* and speak with you *there*." Now He meets with us and speaks to us where we serve Him night and day. He speaks through each one of us who, as a good steward of His grace, is speaking the utterance of God (1 Pet 4:10-11).