

## Why was Abraham Called?

There are so many places that teach us why our Master came. He came to give the extraordinary life, the abundant life, the life with a whole new dimension. He came to establish a whole new social order, a brand new culture, a place where we can express the gifts that were given to us and build up the Body doing the works prepared for us. This is the abundant life, the continual life, without letting up. The Sabbath is not a letup in that way, but a time of rest so we can continue on the First Day and live that abundant life He came to give us.

He also came to cast a fire upon the earth (Lk 12:49-53). That fire will be such that the world has never seen anything like it. It will divide husbands from wives, parents from children. A man's enemies will be the ones he has to leave behind to come to the place where our Master's Spirit is given. You are baptized into that Body, that community. The people who continue to live in the world are not the seed of Abraham.

Abraham had to come out of that wretched world he was in, to start a whole new culture. There was no argument in him or reasoning or anything of that nature. He obeyed Him. Our Father was able to choose him since He knew he was willing to do His will. He was able to command his household. He saw Abraham in the world and saw what he was doing as far as his will was concerned. He was acknowledging his Creator. He was keeping the everlasting covenant of conscience.

The way our Father saw him was according to how he treated his slaves. He had many, many slaves that he had purchased in Haran (Gen 12:5). He was a marvelous slave master. The word *slave* means acquired to become his servants. They functioned and worked together as masters and servants always used to do. They built a great household.

Abraham was able to command his household. He was a wonderful commander, a ruler. He fully employed his natural abilities in that way, along with the grace our Father

provided in order to command his children and his household after him to keep the way of YHWH. In the world it wasn't really the way of YHWH, but it was living by the natural law. It didn't accomplish our Father's ultimate purpose. It wasn't a whole new nation that would be the light of the world, so that others could come into that environment.

Everyone has to leave everything behind to come into Israel, their culture and their language. They have to leave their families if they don't come with them. They have to devote themselves to Israel's God and trust in Him.

### **Be Alert at all Times**

The first century Edah fell asleep. Our Master even predicted it in Lk 21:36. He had to warn them. They had to watch themselves and pray. That is usually the problem — we quit beseeching our Father. *Pray* is a religious-sounding word. It means to make petitions to our Father, pleading with Him to make sure His will comes about. The person who surely watches is *vigilant*. He prays unceasingly. It doesn't mean he is on his knees all day long, but is beseeching our Father, always mindful of our Father, and wants to do His will. He is always in communion with Him and doesn't get into foolishness.

*Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man. (Lk 21:36)*

Lk 21:36 speaks of the time of the very end. They have to be alert at all times. They have to be praying always. That means praying or beseeching our Father. It is not just in our minchot. It is beseeching Him in our personal prayers. A lot of people used to take walks and pray, but they don't do that any longer. They have quit watching. They are not alert. They aren't being prepared with our Master.

We have to be *vigilant* to have strength to stand in that evil day that is coming. That is what it will take to endure, to stand, and have confidence without incurring condemnation in Lk 21:34. That is the generation that will not see death. It will not pass away before all things our Master spoke of here take place. These are the people who

have to watch and be alert. They are praying unceasingly to be kept in communion with our Father and praying for His will to be done. His will will not be done on earth unless there is a people praying for it.

### **Why was Abraham Chosen?**

Why was Abraham chosen to establish a nation? It is as simple as this: to raise up rulers for the next age and the eternal age, that they would reign forever and ever. All kingdoms and rulers would obey them.

*The kingship and dominion and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the holy ones of the Most High; their kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey them. (Dan 7:27, NRSV).*

The contemporaries living in the span of an individual's lifetime are a generation. That generation that sees these things will not pass away until all things come about. He is warning and giving direction to these people who don't go to sleep. They will see these things.

*Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man. (Lk 21:36)*

There is something that would ensnare us, along with the rest of the world. Isa 24:17 — "Fear and the pit and the snare *are* upon you, O inhabitant of the earth." The whole world lives under the fear of the pit that will swallow them. The snares will come in the last days. It speaks about being diligent and keeping awake, as Paul said to the Ephesians. They left their first love and the lampstand was taken away. It became just a religion of the world. Pretty soon Christianity began and propagated those who claim to see but don't see, and those people who say they know the Son of God, but really don't, their torment is forever and ever without end. It is better not to be a Christian than to go around making others believe in the same false messiah you have. That is what our Master said in Jn 9:39-41.

*Yahshua said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you say, 'We see.' Therefore your sin remains." (Jn 9:41)*

If they don't come out of Ur, out of Babylon, then their sin will remain upon them. It would be as if Abraham said to our Father, "I am going to stay here in this nice society and be a good witness." Our God said, "Come out of her and you will be a brand new nation, to be a light to the whole world." It is a nation, not just individuals. There are no individuals saved apart from the Body of Messiah — the community, His nation.

Abraham couldn't be saved unless he obeyed our Father.

*Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, arise from the dead, and Messiah will give you light." (Eph 5:14)*

Awake so that you can be watchful to avoid the great danger that is coming. It is going to begin with this movie (*The Passion of the Christ*) coming out about the last twelve hours, which is demonic. It will present a false son of God, whom they call *Jesus*. Then a lot of people will want to accept Jesus. Hollywood has corrupted the rest of the world, and they are going to corrupt the image of the true Messiah, too. There is a snare and a trap. Even in the Body, the communities, people can be ensnared in certain sins, as Paul said to Timothy:

*In humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will. (2 Tim 2:25-26)*

Then he said in the very last days you are going to see this happening (2 Tim 3:1-6), which is what this movie is going to cause, as they claim to know the Son of God.

### **Keeping Conscience**

Noah came from Adam, and Adam started the world civilization. Therefore, Gen 6:5 came along and it says that the whole world Adam started became corrupt, besides Noah. So, Noah started a whole new world, or he restored what Adam started. We see that Adam was under the law of conscience. He was under the natural law. After he fell,

our Father said, “In order to continue to be like Me, to a certain degree, you are going to have to obey your conscience. Don’t do the things you know are evil, but do the things that are good” (Gen 3:22).

Gen 3:16-19 speaks specifically of the things that Noah did. He lived that way. But those people from Adam to Noah didn’t, except for Noah and his family. There were only a few people left on the earth who were maintaining conscience. Adam began and Noah restored, and our Father gave him another standard of conscience that man would keep (Gen 9:1-7). If man would only do that — live by his conscience and do the things that man is supposed to do, but they didn’t.

Then our Father said, “Abraham has to come along after Noah. I am going to start a whole new nation, a whole new culture. I am going to establish a nation that will be a light to the rest of the world, in order that they could see what they are doing. They will establish another dimension and the others will have to come into the community I am forming on the earth. They will have to receive the true, living God.” It was not just conscience now, but a greater degree of understanding.

### **The Potential to Rule**

We see that Abraham started a separate, set-apart nation, to train up rulers for the next age and the eternal age. If there are no rulers to be raised up, there will be no way that He can have a millennial period. Our Master said His servants would rule over five cities, ten cities, whatever. They will rule. Abraham was a ruler, a commander.

Everyone that is chosen by our Father, drawing them to His Son, is willing to do His will, whether he realizes it or not. Abraham was willing to do our Father’s will, even though he didn’t know God. At least he knew the vice-regent in his conscience. He chose these people who are willing and able to rule. They at least have the potential to rule. That potential may be undeveloped. But each and every person in Messiah is a ruler.

That is what we are going to learn in Israel. We have to rule first over ourselves. We have to become one, not divided, in ourselves.

Then we can rule over our household, our children, to keep the way of YHWH. Who is going to rule in the next age? Certainly not people who don't rule over their household and their children to keep the way of YHWH to do justice and righteousness. If He has a people who do this, then He will bring about what He has promised Abraham. He will have as many descendents as the sands of the seas and the stars of the heavens. How many galaxies are there? He is going to have that many descendents.

His government (Isa 9:6-7), His rulership, will have no end. It will continue, continue, and continue throughout eternity, in order to have enough rulers to rule over the nations, which are continually propagating also. Rev 22:5 says they will reign forever and ever and ever, continually throughout eternity. Ps 102:28 – The children of your servants will perpetuate, will continue, generating offspring forever and ever and ever and ever (Eph 3:21).

That is why our Father wanted Israel — to train up rulers. That is why there were only a few kings who could do it. There were only a few people who would do it. Every person in the community is able to do it. You have the potential to do it. You have the potential to speak what our Father has given you to say from your hearts. If you don't have the potential, you are not His, but everyone who is saved has that potential. It just needs to be developed. There is no greater place for it to be developed than in community every day, going to the morning and evening sacrifices, offering our bodies as a living sacrifice. There is no better place to do it on the whole earth. You can't have such an opportunity in college.

Every person has the opportunity to speak whatever the Father puts on his heart, not just what is in his brain. We have to rule over whatever keeps what is in our hearts from coming out. Then Messiah will be a Son over the house if we don't lose that outspokenness, our confidence (Heb 3:6). The First Church lost their confidence, their

outspokenness. They would go to hear a preacher preach and they wouldn't say one word. Messiah is not the high priest over that house. People are in prison in that house. Heb 3:13 says we are to encourage one another every day, beseech each other, love each other, pray for one another, every day that we live. We have the opportunity to do that. If you only see each other once a week, you don't have the opportunity to do it daily. We see each other every day. Only in Israel can we do that. That's the new culture.

Why did our Father choose Israel? He chose Israel to have rulers to reign forever and ever over the works of His hands. Abraham was chosen as the *progenitor*.

Yes, we all have gifts. But they have not been fully released yet to build the Body. They are lying dormant or misused. We need grace and faith added to our natural gifts. Some presidents of the United States have been rulers and others haven't. They had certain natural gifts. The natural gifts we have now need to be empowered by the Holy Spirit. We need grace and faith to be what our Father wants us to be — to rule over five or ten cities. If we can't rule now, we can't rule then. It is pretty clear in Luke 19 – if we don't employ our gifts now by faith, we won't be found worthy to rule with Him when He returns. We have to do the deeds set before us.

Abraham was chosen because our Father knew he was willing to do Gen 18:19, which was the deeds set before him. He chose us also on the basis of our willingness to do our Father's will. My wife didn't know she was willing to do our Father's will. She hadn't the slightest idea, but our Father knew. She was raised in California. Our Father had mercy on her. But she was willing to do our Father's will; that's why she received the good news. She could have said, "Get out of here, you red-neck preacher, you Bible-thumping Southerner," and I think she had that thought. But, as I persisted, she started seeing something. She said, "The New Testament is nothing like I thought it would be. All I could see were those things called *Christians*. I didn't know it said this. I thought it told Christians to act the way they did."

Instead she started seeing something different in the Word. She started falling in love with our Master. She said, "Wow, this is amazing." That willingness in our heart starts to come out. Our Father saw Abraham in the world and saw his rulership over his own household in the natural realm. He said, "I am going to take that man and give him something greater than his natural ability." That is what He did for us.

This rulership must now be perpetuated through Isaac, the son of the promise, in order to rule and reign over all the people of the nations who would inhabit all the galaxies of the universe in the eternal age. Gen 15:5 – We understand; we know the Word; we know the stories. Some were willing and some were not, but all have the potential because we are man. We are like God and God is a ruler. Man is like God and he has the ability to rule. Every parent has the ability to rule; it is just according to whether they are rebellious or not. All have the potential, which is undeveloped. Now it is starting to be developed. When we come to Messiah and receive His Holy Spirit, then this potential in us starts to be developed.

We have the opportunity to develop every day. There is no greater place on the earth than in the Community, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Take advantage of that. Some people don't understand. They are just like animals. They are just breathing and eventually they leave. Why? Because they are not willing to do our Father's will. All they see themselves as is a piece of meat. They don't see themselves the way our Father sees them. They are listening to another spirit. So, they are following after something else. They are in the pit, the snare.

Our Master told the Jews they were not Abraham's offspring and they said, "Yes, we are," and He said, "No, you are not, for you are not willing to do what Abraham did. You claim to be the seed of Abraham, but you are not. You are directed by another spirit." That doesn't mean they couldn't change, for three thousand did on Pentecost. They were the ones who had crucified Messiah. That is what it says in Acts 2:23.

I am just so thankful that our Father has given us a little bit of understanding of who we are, and what we are chosen for, and where we are going, and where Christianity is going. I was a Christian and so was Yowceph. He was trained to be a sorcerer. They never could convert him to be a sorcerer, but they tried to.

Our Father is restoring what our Master started, as Noah restored what Adam started. Then Abraham came along and created a whole new environment — a nation, a holy nation set apart. Then our Master came and started a new nation, taking the Kingdom away from Abraham's old descendents, and gave it to a nation who would produce the fruit of it, who would be from all races of the nations of the world. Then that fell, and our Father has given us another spirit of restoration. He has given us the spirit of Eliyah upon us to restore everything that fell. "Fallen, fallen is Babylon." Fallen old Israel, fallen new Israel, and now restored new Israel, to do our Father's purpose.

Shemiyah – In Jn 14:2-3 it says, "In my Father's house are many dwelling places, if it were not so I would have told you... Where I am, there you will be also." Our Master, in order to create that environment, had to go to prepare a place, a culture, in the right environment, where that culture could grow. If that culture grew, then we could be prepared in every way. Then we could bring His will on the earth. I am thankful for that, so thankful for the place our Father has created on the earth, where we could all be redeemed to be rulers and our little idiosyncrasies could be removed.

That is a mystery. People only think of going to heaven. He was not referring to His personal return at the end of the age when He said, "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you." Our Master came back – not His personal return when He will come back and establish the new millennium, but His Spirit came back (Jn 14:18).

*At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. (Jn 14:20)*

*He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor. (Jn 12:25-26)*

We have to be where He is. There is no place you can serve Him except the place where He is, which is a culture, an environment. That is a Body, a community.

Ishah Ruth – It wasn't just the fact that our Father called Abraham that made him the great man he was. He did the deeds that proved that he was willing, and that made him a great man. Some of us take it for granted that we were called and that our Father saw potential in us and that He is developing that potential. Sometimes I don't like the deeds prepared for me and then my potential is not developed. It is wasted. The deeds of Abraham are not easy. They tested him and we are going to be tested, too. I am thankful that I can be tested and be like Abraham.

Yowceph Rodriguez – “Adam began and Noah restored.” Noah began a new world, but where did it go? Where did it go after Noah? Our Father had to look around and find a man, Abraham. He saw the seed in Abraham of beginning something totally new: the potential, the capability, and the rulership. Abraham began, but His descendents, at a certain point, wanted to kill our Master. They wanted to finish Him off.

They weren't actually following the example of Abraham, but of another father. Then something else had to begin, but it didn't get to the fullness of what He wanted. Again, our Father had to look. He had to find men and women with the same heart as Abraham for our Father. He has chosen us, but it is at a certain point now, and we have to recognize who we are and what our Father has called us for.

He chose Abraham to begin something, but it didn't get completed. Now He has chosen us. That willingness to do His will is there. He saw it in us even before He chose us. He saw it in our hearts, that we were willing to do His will. He is going to bring about everything He promised to Abraham. He knew in that man He had eternal potential. He could promise things to him and they would be carried on through eternity.

But the greater thing is that He has chosen us to get back to the very beginning, what He had with Adam. He couldn't get that through Abraham. He had to do it through us, that the increase of His government would have no end. We have to accomplish His will and bring the world and this evil age to an end. That is the potential and capability that we have.

We can see to it that never again it is left to another people. Our Father has always had to look to another man, another people, to do what He has wanted to do. We can actually be the people who will do it. I had

written a little note next to Lk 21:36: “He is waiting for a people to gain full spiritual strength and development.”

Then our Master could actually return to this earth and do what He has wanted to do from the beginning. The restoration of all things is the completion of everything. The Spirit of Restoration is upon us. Our Father has chosen us so that it can actually be said, “The restoration of all things has come,” and our Father can bring about that new age.

From this line right here, the river Euphrates to the river of Egypt — a tangible chunk of land, and our Father promised that land to Abraham with a self-cursing oath. His natural seed is only going to have that land if we, as a people, do His will. We have to do what our Father has spoken to Abraham and what He has spoken to us as His people.

We have to be like Abraham and communicate it to our sons. There has to be a Jacob, not just an Isaac, and then there has to be a Twelve Tribes. It has to come to the very end. It has never reached that place. He sees that we can do it. It is in us.

Yônêq said in the teaching that there was no argument in Abraham. There was obedience. That is what our Father got in Abraham. For our Father to bring about what He wants there can be no arguing in us to do His will. It is going to have to be, “Yes, I want to do Your will.” That is how our Master was, “I am here to do Your will.” In Yahshua, we are Abraham’s seed. We are heirs to all the promises. That stirred me up to realize what we are doing.

If our Father hadn’t rescued Yowceph, he would probably be one of the greatest people in Christianity today, preaching in big cathedrals with five thousand people listening to him every Sunday. I’m not kidding.

Heaven can’t release our Master yet. He couldn’t come back now if He wanted to. Acts 3:21 — Heaven holds Him until the time comes to restore all things in the next age. Mk 9:12 says we have to restore all things now from Christianity and from the first church. We have to put all of His enemies under His feet (Heb 10:13). He is standing ready to come, but He can’t come until all those enemies that divide us and keep us from loving one another are put under our feet.

You can see what the enemy will try to do to us:

*This is what he said: "As for the fourth beast, there shall be a fourth kingdom on earth that shall be different from all the other kingdoms; it shall devour the whole earth, and trample it down, and break it to pieces. As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings shall arise, and another shall arise after them. This one shall be different from the former ones, and shall put down three kings. He shall speak words against the Most High, shall wear out the holy ones of the Most High, and shall attempt to change the sacred seasons and the law; and they shall be given into his power for a time, two times, and half a time. Then the court shall sit in judgment, and his dominion shall be taken away, to be consumed and totally destroyed. The kingship and dominion and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the holy ones of the Most High; their kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions [rulers of the Nations] shall serve and obey them." (Dan 7:23-27, RSV)*

If your Bible doesn't say that, you had better put it in there. It is a corporate *them*. That is, under the whole expanse of the universe we'll be rulers. It certainly doesn't leave our Master out. We are His wife, remember. We are a corporate man.

Maintain your salvation station: whatever you are doing. Maintain that until our Father puts you in another place. Maybe this is the greatest place you could possibly be, washing dishes for the rest of your life. Therefore, if we are faithful at it, what is our Father going to do? He will say, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

If we say, "I don't want to wash dishes anymore," what kind of spirit is that? We just have to humble ourselves under His mighty hand and He will promote us – if we think there is a promotion from washing dishes. That is what Derush said. "If I can come back, all I want to do is clean toilets." Did you ever read his letters? You ought to get a hold of one. If you have been to hell for a while, you will come back and probably not complain that you are doing dishes. He can't raise you up if you have those evil, wicked attitudes, wanting to be somebody. The father of those who strive to be somebody is the one who complained he was just the archangel. He is called the evil one.

Washing dishes is called *salvation station*. Any place we are is salvation station. That is where we are being saved. Who is it in Rev 19:8? They are washed and perfected by what they did – the bride.

Just let our Father raise you up. Don't raise yourself up, or you will be offended every time your authority is threatened. So many have come in, or been raised here, and said, "I have been here eight years and I can do this and that." Well, could our Father have raised you up to do anything? Of course not — not with that evil, wicked attitude.

Let's just serve Him and be thankful and rule over wherever we are. If we can rule over that dish sink, we can rule over galaxies. That is ruling over your spirit and the evil one.