

#2389 The Yom Kippur War and the Abomination of Desolation – The post-World War II U.S. waxing great toward the South and toward the East as a *second* Syria/Antiochus IV Epiphanes, part 648, **Building the Christian-Jewish-Arab Temple, (xxvii), Of Ishmael’s Seed: Comparing the passage of John 8:31-39 with Galatians 4:21-31**

Key Understanding: The scriptural answer as to why Christians and Jews can be considered to be the spiritual children of Hagar and Ishmael is found not only in Galatians 4:21-31 but also in John 8:31-39. Let’s start with John 8:31-39.

John 8:31-39 (KJV) Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

*32 And ye shall know the truth, and **THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE.***

*33 They answered him, **WE BE ABRAHAM’S SEED, AND WERE NEVER IN BONDAGE TO ANY MAN:** how sayest thou, **YE SHALL BE MADE FREE?***

*34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **WHOSOEVER COMMITTETH SIN IS THE SERVANT OF SIN.***

35 And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever.

36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

*37 **I KNOW THAT YE ARE ABRAHAM’S SEED** [through Isaac]; **but ye seek to kill me,** because my word hath no place in you. [Therefore, though you are still Abraham’s seed through Isaac, it is *spiritually* as if you are Abraham’s seed through Ishmael.]*

38 I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father.

*39 They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, **IF YE WERE ABRAHAM’S CHILDREN** [through Isaac, and of the true faith of Abraham], **YE WOULD DO THE WORKS OF ABRAHAM.***

Galatians 4:21-31 (KJV) Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law? [NIV . . . Tell me, you who want to be under the law, are you not aware of what the law says?]

22 For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman. [NIV . . . For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the slave woman and the other by the free woman.]

23 But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise. [NIV . . . His son by the slave woman was born in the ordinary way; but his son by the free woman was born as the result of a promise.]



Abraham casting out Hagar and Ishmael



Ishmael and Hagar

24 Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar. [NIV . . . These things may be taken figuratively, for the women represent two covenants. One covenant is from Mount Sinai and bears children who are to be slaves: This is Hagar.]

25 For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to JERUSALEM WHICH NOW IS, AND IS IN BONDAGE WITH HER CHILDREN.

[NIV . . . Now Hagar stands for {the law of} Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present city of Jerusalem, because she is in slavery with her children.]



26 But JERUSALEM WHICH IS ABOVE IS FREE, WHICH IS THE MOTHER OF US ALL. [NIV . . .

But the Jerusalem that is above is free, and she is our mother.]

[Note: This is speaking of the heavenly New Jerusalem of which true Christians who have forsaken in their hearts their earthly kingdom citizenships are citizens.]



Jerusalem is in bondage with her children



27 For it is written, Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband. [NIV . . . For it is written: “Be glad, O barren woman, who bears no children; break forth and cry aloud, you who have no labor pains; because more are the children of the desolate woman than of her who has a husband.”]

28 Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. [NIV . . . Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise.]

29 *But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now.* [NIV . . . At that time the son born in the ordinary way persecuted the son born by the power of the Spirit. It is the same now.]

30 *Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman.* [NIV . . . But what does Scripture say? “Get rid of the slave woman and her son, for the slave woman’s son will never share in the inheritance with the free woman’s son.”]

31 *So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free.* [NIV . . . Therefore, brothers, we are not children of the slave woman, but of the free woman.]

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