

The Torah Project

Genesis 21b-22 (Pt.3)

Three Things to Beware Of

Philippians 3:2-3

Beware of the **dogs**...

beware of the **evil workers**...

beware of the **false circumcision**...

...for we are the true circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Messiah Yeshua and put no confidence in the flesh...

“Dogs” = those who have no regard for what is holy.

Exodus 22:31

You shall be holy men to Me, therefore you shall not eat *any* flesh torn to pieces in the field; you shall throw it to the dogs.

Matthew 7:6

“Do not give what is holy to dogs, and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.”

“Evil Workers” = those who serve God from wrong motives.

- **Pride** or **Envy** (Phil. 1:15-17)
- **Profit** (2 Cor. 2:17 / 1 Tim. 6:6 / 2 Pet. 2:3)
- To **Gain a following** (Acts 20:29-30)

“False Circumcision” = those who serve God legalistically

LEGALISM = confidence in the flesh instead of faith in God

God's Pattern: FAITH



50 Days



1st
Redemption

2nd
Torah

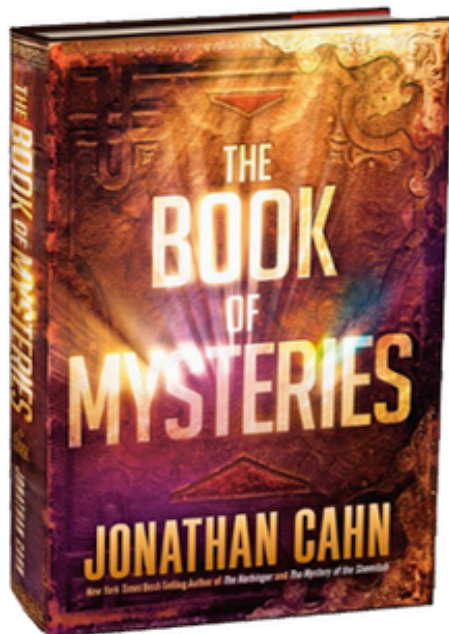
Legalism: CONFIDENCE IN THE FLESH



1st

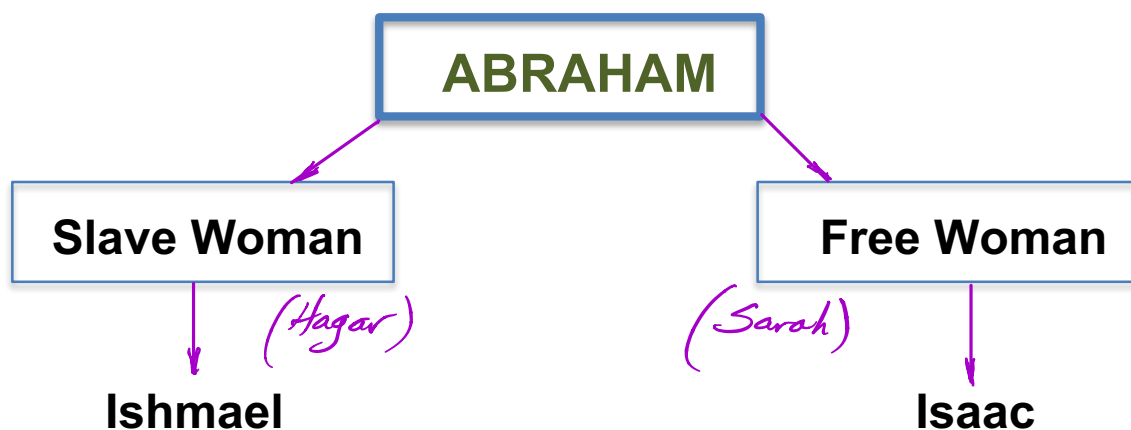
2nd

God's pattern is to give the Torah to redeemed people. But, those who seek redemption by keeping the Torah receive neither freedom nor the Torah.



Matthew 13:44

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid again; and from joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”



Mt. Sinai
 Slaves
 Arabia
 Present Jerusalem

Jerusalem Above
 Freedom!
 Rejoice!

BUT... The commandments
 received at Sinai...

...were to be fulfilled IN
 the Land!

ISHMAEL

persecution

ISAAC

A "ben Avraham" via
 fleshly circumcision /
 conversion

A "ben Avraham" via
 circumcision of the heart /
 spiritual rebirth...
JUST LIKE ABRAHAM!

“Under the Torah”

Examples of Paul’s use of the phrase “under the Torah”:

- “Under the Torah” as opposed to having the Torah written on their hearts.
- Legalism, especially the additional rabbinic enactments. (The phrase is used this way in the Dead Sea Scrolls)
- Under the condemnation that the Torah pronounces against sin.
- The relationship of the Jewish people to the written Torah apart from the Spirit of Torah or the Torah-made-flesh.

But under **no** circumstances does “under the Torah” mean obedience to the Torah.