Abraham entering Canaan.

Abraham became the friend of God by his manifestation of faith, when in response to God’s invitation he left his own country and wandered in Canaan. (Acts 7:5.) By this obedience he became heir of the promise, “In thee and in thy Seed shall all the families of the Earth be blessed.” St. Paul explains (Galatians 4:23-24.) that Abraham’s wife represented this Covenant, or Promise. Hagar, the servant, typified the Law Covenant made with Israel at Mt. Sinai, and that the nation of Israel was typified in Ishmael. (Galatians 4:25.)

As Hagar and Ishmael were cast off when Isaac was born, and had almost perished, so the Jewish people have been cast off from Divine favor for eighteen centuries, and to-day are nearly famished. As the angel of God pointed to the fountain of water, and Ishmael was revived, so God’s message now is pointing the Jews to a spring of water; the comforting promises of His Word; their Zionist hopes are reviving.

The sacrifice of Isaac typified the sacrifice of Christ, necessary in order for Him to become the Spiritual Seed of Abraham with power to bless the world. (Galatians 3:5; 16:29; Matthew 8:11; Luke 13:28; Psalm 45.)