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JEHOVAH-JIREH

As Abraham and Isaac ascended Mount Moriah, the future site of Jerusalem and Golgotha, Isaac asked his father a very pertinent question. Where was the lamb for the burnt (sin) offering?

Abraham, in a statement of faith (Genesis 22:8) replied, ***“My son, God will provide Himself a lamb...”***. God did indeed provide.

Abraham named that place Jehovah-Jireh (Genesis 22:14) which means “Jehovah will provide.” This is the only place in the entire Bible where that name is used. It was used in the context of God providing an offering for our sin. In the Mosaic Law, a sin offering was a lamb burnt upon the altar.

It was also a prophetic name foreshadowing that “Jehovah will provide” the sin offering 2,000 years later as The Lamb of God, Jesus, is slain on that very same site, Mount Moriah, later called Golgotha (Calvary). God did indeed provide for us His own sacrificial Lamb that we could be redeemed from the curse of sin and eternal separation from Him.

We often sing songs about “Jehovah-Jireh” but in a context that God will provide for all our needs. While it may be true that He is our ultimate resource for all things, it is not the true context of the name. The true context is the provision for our salvation from sin. The “near sacrifice” of Isaac and the “true sacrifice” of Jesus is clear evidence of that.

“Jehovah will provide” and “Jehovah has provided” our redemption is the true meaning of “Jehovah-Jireh.”