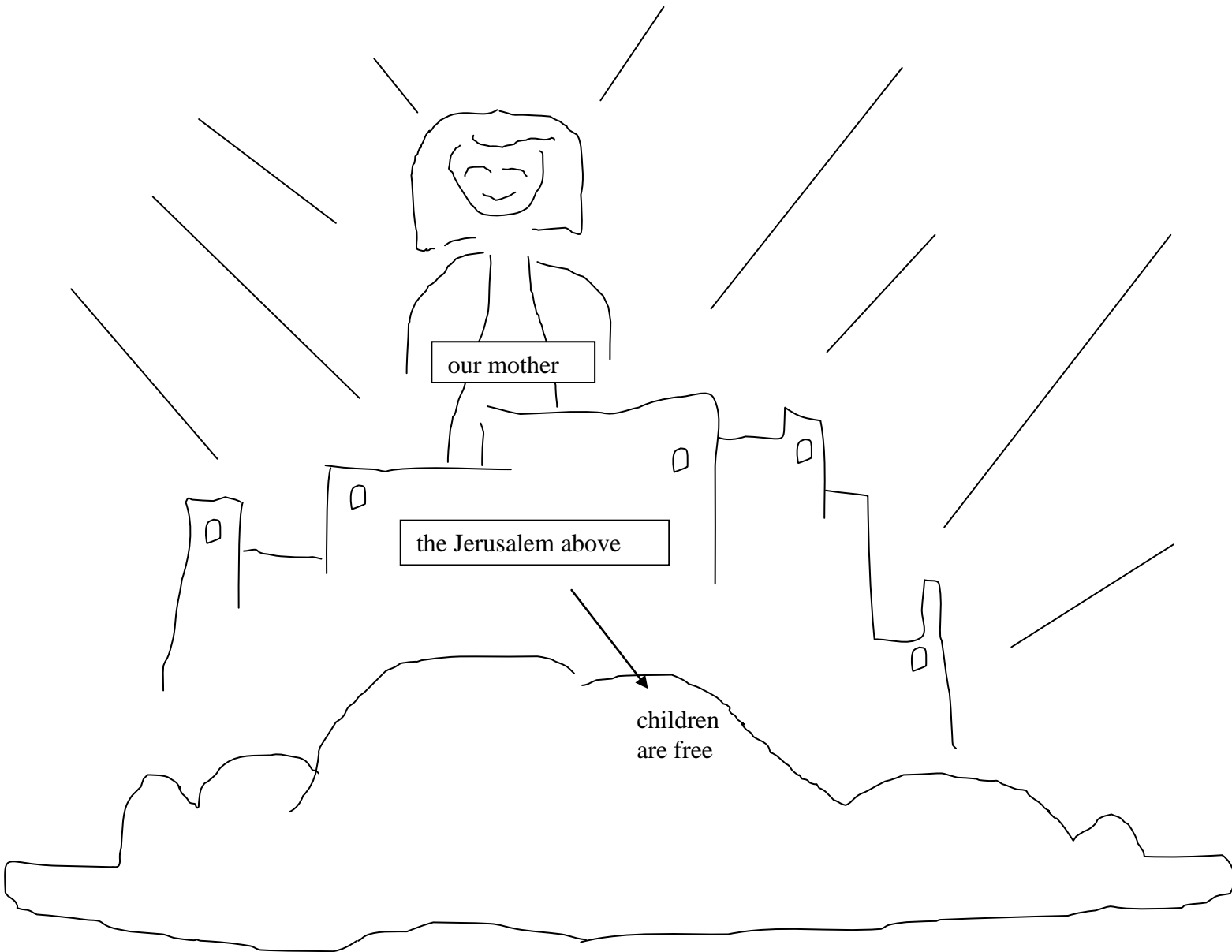


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#9, two covenants, pt 2, Gal 4:27-31

We ended last lesson with, Gal 4:26 But the Jerusalem above is free; she is our mother. Paul, in order to teach heavenly and Spiritual concepts, used the scripture from Genesis. The account regarding Abraham's two sons was used to teach about the old covenant and the new covenant. He will continue to refer to Genesis but first he will teach about the Jerusalem above who is our mother or the mother of those under the new covenant.



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27 For it is written,
"REJOICE, BARREN WOMAN WHO DOES NOT BEAR;
BREAK FORTH AND SHOUT, YOU WHO ARE NOT IN LABOR;
FOR MORE NUMEROUS ARE THE CHILDREN OF THE DESOLATE
THAN OF THE ONE WHO HAS A HUSBAND."

Isa 54:1, " Shout for joy, O barren one, you who
have borne no child;
Break forth into joyful shouting and cry aloud,
you who have not travailed;
For the sons of the desolate one will be more
numerous
Than the sons of the married woman," says the
Lord.

Back to Galatians 4:28

28 And you brethren, like Isaac, are children of
promise.

[1.] v:27, For it is written, This is from Isaiah
54:1, which is printed under v:27. From the Old
Testament fill in the missing parts of each phrase.

Shout for joy, O barren one, _____

Break forth into joyful shouting and cry aloud, _

For the sons of the desolate one _____

Than the sons _____

[2.] question [1.], While we are here, what is
Isaiah 53 referring to?

[3.] Is 54:1 again, O barren one, you who have
borne no child; This is a personification of one of
the two covenants. Which covenant does it
describe?

[4.] Is 54 again, sons of the desolate one will be
more numerous, Does this speak of sons of the flesh
or Spiritual sons?

[5.] v:28, And you brethren, Define brethren.

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Refer to Romans

Rom 9:6-9, But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For they are not all Israel who are descended from Israel; 7 nor are they all children because they are Abraham's descendants (**seed**), but: "THROUGH ISAAC YOUR DESCENDANTS (**seed**) WILL BE NAMED." 8 That is, it is not the children of the flesh who are children of God, but the children of the promise are regarded as descendants (**seed**).

Back to Gal 4:29

29 But as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so it is now also.

[6.] v:28 again, like Isaac, are children of promise. From the following, identify Isaac.

- a) Jacob's first born.
- b) Son of the bond woman.
- c) The child of the promise to Abraham.

[7.] Rom 9:6-9, the children of the flesh, There are two kinds of children described in v:8. Who are "the children of the flesh"?

[8.] question [7.] Since we are on the subject of the flesh, There is a great old Testament passage from Is 40:6-8. Here it is used in the new testament.

I Peter 1:24-25, For, "ALL FLESH IS LIKE GRASS, AND ALL ITS GLORY LIKE THE FLOWER OF GRASS. THE GRASS WITHERS, AND THE FLOWER FALLS OFF, 25 BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER."

And this is the word which was preached to you.

Why does or why doesn't "the children of the flesh" mean "all flesh" (v:24)?

[9.] Gal 4:29, according to the Spirit, Paul added this new term. Back in question [4.] we saw that the sons of the desolate one were of the new covenant or Spiritual sons. Also, they were described as like Isaac, are children of promise. True or False, The son born according to the Spirit is the same as the child of promise?

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In Galatians 4:29, Paul again goes back to Genesis to provide a graphic instance of the next New Testament truth. Genesis 21:9 describes a painful instance.

30 But what does the Scripture say?

"CAST OUT THE BONDWOMAN AND HER SON,
FOR THE SON OF THE BONDWOMAN SHALL NOT BE AN HEIR
WITH THE SON OF THE FREE WOMAN."

31 So then, brethren, we are not children of a
bondwoman, but of the free woman.

[10.] Gal 4:29, he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, This account is in Gen 21:9. What did Sarah see?

[11.] v:29 again, so it is now also. From your study in "the uttermost part of the earth" who was always persecuting who?

[12.] v:30, Also from Gen 21:10, what did Sarah want Abraham to do?

[13.] v:30 again, THE SON OF THE BONDWOMAN SHALL NOT BE AN HEIR, Are the "true" heirs the people of the old covenant or the new covenant?

[14.] question [13.] Are the "true" heirs those who are born according to the flesh or those born according to the Spirit?

[15.] v:31, So then, brethren, Are all born-again Christians children of the bond woman or the free woman?

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