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**“Now I Know That You Fear God”:
What Does God ‘Know’ at the Akeda?**

‘Fear of God’ has several meanings in the Bible. We will explore different facets of this concept, looking specifically for those aspects that relate to God's pronouncement following the Akeda.



**Three Akedot:
Ishmael, Isaac, and Job’s Children**

Before the Akeda, Abraham “sacrifices” another child, Ishmael. We will compare Genesis 21 and 22, highlighting Abraham’s development in the process of relinquishing his children. We will then explore how the book of Job plays on themes from both of these disturbing stories.

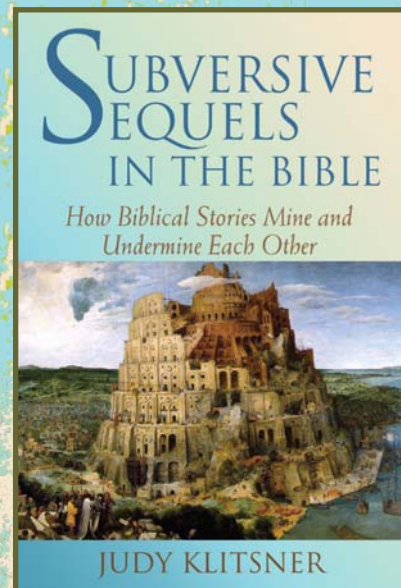


**The Tent, the Field, and
the Battlefield:
The Dynamic Face of
the Biblical Motherhood**

What do the infertile, tent-dwelling mothers of Genesis have in common with the military and spiritual leaders of the book of Judges? We will examine the stories of a range of biblical women, noting common themes as well as the striking literary inversions of matriarchal and patriarchal language and roles.

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