

GENESIS 22

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BACKGROUND

Genesis 15:5- God promised Abraham that he would have offspring as numerous as the stars
Genesis 15:6- Abraham believed in God and was counted righteous
Abraham had to wait 25 years to see God fulfill his promise!

VERSE 1

Sometime later God tested Abraham.

- Faith in the Old Testament is always tested
- The test is: Will Abraham trust God with his son?

He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied.

- When God calls people by name, pay attention.
- God is going to do something significant through that person:
 - Moses (Exodus 3:4)- delivered God's people
 - Samuel (1 Samuel 3:4)- anointed David; inaugurated the Golden Age of Israel
 - Isaiah (Isaiah 6:8)- prophesied about Jesus' coming
 - Saul/ Paul (Acts 9:4)- brought the Gospel to Gentiles (people that aren't Jewish)

"Here I am," he replied.

- When God calls Moses, Samuel, Isaiah, Paul, and Abraham by their names, they always respond with, "Here I am."
- In Hebrew, the meaning is closer to, "I am attentively listening."
- God has their attention, does he have yours?

VERSE 2

Then God said, "Take your son, your **only son**,

- In God's eyes, Abraham only had one son (Genesis 21:2, 12, 14, 16)
- Parallel to Jesus- "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the **one and only Son**, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)

whom **you love**- Isaac-

- Just as Isaac was beloved by his father, Jesus was beloved by God: "For the father loves the Son and shows Him all He does. Yes, and He will show Him even greater works than these, so that you will be amazed." (John 5:20)

and go to the region of **Moriah**.

- Moriah is made up of three shortened Hebrew words
 - Mem- the place of
 - Ra'ah- to see

- Yahweh- the LORD
- Moriah probably means, "the place the LORD will be seen"

Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I show you."

- A 'burnt offering' is used 47 times throughout the Old Testament. It is often connected with a sacrifice for sin
- As a parallel to Jesus, Jesus was sacrificed for our sins. He is the 'Sacrificial Lamb.' (John 1:29, Hebrews 9:1-11)

CHALLENGE: Read the rest of Genesis 22 and Hebrews 9. Do you see any parallels?

VERSE 3

Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about.

VERSE 4

On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance.

VERSE 5

He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you."

VERSE 6

Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together,

VERSE 7

Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?" "Yes, my son?" Abraham replied. "The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"

VERSE 8

Abraham answered, God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.

VERSE 9

When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.

VERSE 10

Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

VERSE 11

But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied.

VERSE 12

"Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son."

VERSE 13

Abraham looked up and there in the thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son.

VERSE 14

So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."

VERSE 15

The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time.

VERSE 16

And said, "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son,

VERSE 17

I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies.

VERSE 18

And through your offspring all nation on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.”

VERSE 19

Then Abraham returned to his servants, and they set off together for Beersheba. And Abraham stayed in Beersheba.