

# January 19/Day 19

## Genesis 22

### Verses 1-8

- If you just picked up the Bible and started reading here, what question should come to mind after the first phrase? *After which things?* If you didn't remember where we left off yesterday or if you just started reading here today, how would you know which things to which the passage is referring? This is how we keep context.
- What did God do to Abraham after these things?
- What does this say about Isaac? Was he Abraham's ONLY son? He was the son of promise, the only one God acknowledges.
- Bing defines "test" as "a procedure intended to establish the quality, performance, or reliability of something, especially before it is taken into widespread use." The definition is the same whether it is a noun or a verb. Think about the implication here.
- What did God tell Abraham to do? Did he obey?
- Remember, we have not yet experienced the giving of the Law/Commandments and the Levitical system has not yet been laid out for the people. We are still in the beginning, so how would Abraham know about giving an offering? Do you remember we saw him build a couple of altars by which to worship? Remember God's covenant with Abraham? Think back to Adam, Cain and Abel were bringing offerings then as well. We will find out when we get to the Levitical passages that a burnt offering is voluntary. It's important to know.
- Mt Moriah is the same mountain region where Jesus was crucified a couple of thousand years later.
- (By the way, I forgot to mention this when we were on creation, but creation scientists believe the earth to be 6,000-10,000 years old. It is said the Jewish or Hebrew people have kept a calendar from the time of Adam and in our year 2019/2020 the Hebrew year is 5780.)
- On which day did Abraham raise his eyes and see the place?
- Closely observe verse 5. Who did Abraham say was going to worship? Whom did he say would return?
- What do you think this means if Isaac was the son of promise and all the descendants of promise would come through him?
- Where did Abraham lay the wood and what did he take in his hand? Does this mean he intended to obey God? Note that Isaac would have been at least a teen by now. Would he know what was going on? Why would he willingly allow his father to do this?
- What did Isaac ask? Does this mean he would have been familiar with burnt offerings and sacrificial animals?
- How does Abraham answer? This can also be translated, *The Lord will provide Himself the lamb...*

### Verses 9-14

- What did Abraham build at this place? And whom did he place on it?
- Who called to Abraham? Have we seen Him before?

- What does the angel of the LORD say he knows now about Abraham? How does he know?
- What does he say about the son again? Of Whom is this a picture?
- What was caught in the thicket? A lamb? So, the lamb was yet to be sacrificed, remember this.
- How did Abraham offer up the ram? As a substitution for his son.
- We see another name for God here, Jehovah Jireh, “God our Provider”. We usually think of Our Provider as the One who provides material things; food, clothing, the mortgage payment, and He does because everything comes from God, but WHAT is provided here? What does this sacrificial lamb represent? It is a type or picture of Christ and Isaac is a type or picture of Christ.

#### Verses 15-19

- What does the LORD swear?
- We have seen dust and stars before, now we see sand of the seashore. Can anyone number the sand?
- Observe Romans 4:16, “For this reason *it is* by faith, in order that *it may be* in accordance with grace, so that the promise will be guaranteed to all the descendants, not only to those who are of the Law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all” and Galatians 3:7, “Therefore, be sure that it is those who are of faith who are sons of Abraham.” Remember these so you’ll be familiar with them later.
- What is added here that we haven’t seen God say before? Will Abraham and his seed have enemies?

#### Verses 20-24

- Abraham’s nephews are named. Who did Bethuel father?

## Genesis 23

#### Verses 1-16

- How old was Sarah when she died? So how old would Abraham have been? Was Abraham sad when she died?
- From whom did Abraham buy burial ground?
- Notice the gate of the city again for doing business.
- How much did he pay for the burial land and in what currency? What two words are added at the end?

#### Verses 17-20

- What was the name of the field? Remember this, you will see it often.
- Were there witnesses when the land was deeded to Abraham? Note properties were bought and sold and deeded in the beginning.
- Where is Sarah buried? Note the dead were buried in the beginning.

## Genesis 24

### Verses 1-9

- If Sarah was 127 when she died, then Abraham was 137.
- In what ways had the LORD blessed Abraham according to the passage?
- The ancients had their servants swear oaths by having them place their hand under the thigh of their master. To have your hand sat on was shows submission and is a picture of the authority of the one who sat on it.
- By whom did Abraham have the servant swear?
- Why do you suppose Abraham didn't want Isaac to have a Canaanite wife?
- What was Abraham sure God would do to help the servant find the right wife for Isaac?

### Verses 10-14

- Where did the servant go to find Isaac's wife? Mesopotamia/The Fertile Crescent/The Cradle of Civilization.
- What specific prayer does the servant pray so he may be sure he finds the right woman? Where do you think the servant learned about prayer?
- Has God ever answered your prayer in a most specific way?

### Verses 15-21

- So, Rebekah is Abraham's nephew's daughter.
- What are we told about her?
- Was she an answer to the servant's prayer?

### Verses 22-27

- What did the servant do when his questions were confirmed?
- What did he say God has shown to Abraham?

### Verses 28-41

- Apparently, Rebekah's father, Bethuel, has given authority to her brother, Laban, because he is the one who takes care of the business. Maybe Bethuel is old or disabled but he is still alive according to verse 50 below.
- Remember the hospitality of the desert people. This man and his caravan were servants, not nobles. Note how they are treated, though obviously because he was representing a relative; nevertheless, as servants. The ring and bracelets are noted by Laban as well.
- Abraham's material blessings are listed. Who bless Abraham with these things?

### Verses 42-44

- Did he retell the story accurately?

Verses 45-49

- Have you ever experienced an instant answer to prayer?
- Where does the servant say he placed the ring? Did you assume it was her finger until this verse?
- What does the servant require of Laban?

Verses 50-51

- Remember Abraham had been led away by God prior to his coming to know God. How did the house of Bethuel know about God? It's not a trick question, just think about it.

Verses 52-59

- What kind of gifts did the servant give Rebekah and her family?

Verse 60

- Note the blessing they gave Rebekah. Did they know about God's covenant? Yet they confirmed it in their blessing.

Verse 61

- Did Rebekah go with the man alone?
- Can you imagine travelling with a stranger to marry a man you've never met?

Verses 62-67

- Where had Isaac been living?
- What was he doing in the evening? On what would you think he was meditating?
- What did the servant tell Isaac?
- How did Isaac feel about Rebekah? How could this be possible if he didn't even know her? Remember, God picked her for him. God puts love in our hearts.
- If you were to theme this section, what would you call it?

Did you learn anything today you didn't know before? Is there anything you can apply to your own life through this passage?

See you tomorrow.