

Genesis 16

Sarai bare Abram no children and she instructed him to obtain children by her handmaid whose name was _____. "Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai." (v.2) God had already promised Abram that He would bless him, but Abram listened to Sarai and _____ God's Word.

The last time the husband did what his wife wanted was _____. The consequences were tragic. This time the result was _____ as Abram's impatience cost him. Ishmael is prophesied to be a "wild man" and to "dwell in the presence of all his brethren." This last phrase indicates he would dwell in and around _____ seed. The Arab race has a line of descendancy to Ishmael.

Abram was 86 years old when Hagar bare Ishmael to him.

Genesis 17

There are _____ years between the end of chapter 16 and the beginning of chapter 17. This could possibly indicate 13 years of silence from God toward Abram. Now Almighty God appears unto him and reconfirms the covenant to Abram.

In verses four and five, we see the name change from Abram to _____. We also see in verse 15 Sarai's name is changed to _____. God is reaffirming the covenant and commands Abraham to be circumcised along with all the males of his household, and each male baby on the _____ day after their birth as a token or sign of the covenant. New Testament gives reference to this... Acts 7:8 – "And he gave him the _____." Romans 4:11 it is called a "seal of Righteousness." Colossians 2:11 – "The circumcision made without hands, is putting off the body of the sins of the flesh. The same Spirit that performs this is the same Spirit that is _____ with that Holy Spirit of promise."

(Ephesians 1:13)

God tells Abraham that He will give him a son with Sarah and "she shall be a mother of nations; kings of people shall be of her." Abraham is 99, Sarah is 90 and God is telling them that they would have a child. They had desired this for years but to no avail. Abraham suggests Ishmael be the _____ of the covenant. (v. 18) God tells him in verse 19, "Sarah shall have a son indeed." He tells them what to name their son, _____. This was to be the son of the covenant. God does promise some things to Ishmael, but the covenant is strictly with Isaac.

Genesis 18

This chapter shows that Abraham had a special _____ with God. He is called, in the Bible, the _____ of God.

1. God came to personally _____ Abraham. (v. 1)
2. The Lord _____ with him. (v. 8)
3. The Lord reconfirms His _____ and sets a date. (vs. 10, 14)
4. The Lord reveals _____ to him. (v. 17)
5. The Lord " _____ " and _____ Abraham. (v. 19)
6. The Lord listens to Abraham's point of view. (vs. 23-32)

Abraham proves he is a man of compassion in verses 23-33 as he intercedes in behalf of wicked Sodom. He desires God to spare the city if there be so many righteous. He starts by asking for 50 the 45 and so on, down to 10. There were not even 10 righteous in that city. No doubt he was concerned for the well-being of Lot, but also the preservation of the city. This prayer is one of the most _____ found in all the Bible.

Chapter 19

We see the end result of Lot's decision.

- Though righteous, Lot and his family were worldly. God let them escape Sodom. Although they got out of Sodom, Sodom did not get out of them. The release by God of Lot out of Sodom was in part because of _____. (v. 29)

Chapter 20

Abraham falls into the same sin pattern here as he had once done in Egypt. This time he is in the land of the Philistines and lies to Abimelech about Sarah just like he did to Pharaoh. God warns Abimelech in a dream not to touch Sarah. Abimelech rebukes Abraham for lying to him. Abraham prays for God's blessing to fall upon Abimelech.

Chapter 21

Isaac is born. Abraham is now _____ years old and Sarah is _____. She was well past her years in ability to bear a child. Before the flood this would not have been so amazing, but now it would have been considered a miraculous birth. Isaac means " _____ ." Both Abraham and Sarah had laughed at the thought of having a child together. When Isaac was eight days old, he was circumcised as Abraham obeys God's command.

In verse nine, we see the beginning of the _____ between the two seeds of Abraham. This conflict continues even today.

In this chapter, God tells Abraham to _____ to Sarah's words (v. 12) and declares that "In Isaac shall thy seed be called." Though Ishmael would not be that seed, God still bestowed graciousness to Hagar, the handmaid. Even with this graciousness and her many years of serving Abraham's family, we never see Hagar or Ishmael embracing Jehovah as their God. The Bible says in verse 21 that Hagar took [Ishmael] a wife out of the land of _____.

Chapter 22

In this chapter, we have a beautiful picture of "_____." We see a type of the future redemption. To this point, we have not read of any "_____ sacrifice." God was asking Abraham to do something He had never asked anyone else to do.

1. (V. 1) God tempts Abraham – This was a _____ to see how Abraham would respond to God's Word. (I Peter 1:6, 7) This was not a temptation to sin. God never tempts one to sin, but He does test us.
2. We see the phrase "thy son, thine only son" used in verses 21:12 and 16. This can be compared with John 3:16. Isaac was Abraham's only _____ son. He was the promised son for a promised seed.
3. The place was _____. Moriah was a district around Jerusalem where the Temple would one day be built. The Lord Jesus would also be crucified on a mount... Mt. Calvary (Golgotha.)
4. The laws of the burnt offering would later be revealed to Moses in Leviticus 1:1-9. Just how much of this Abram knew we are not sure. He did know God was ordering him to _____ his only son Isaac.
5. They arrive on the third day. Abraham left the day after God commanded him, and it took three days to get to Moriah, making a total of four days. In Exodus 12:3, the _____ was to be kept for four days before killing it.
6. We see another picture of Abraham's faith in verse 5. Abraham tells the men that both he and his son would come back again. Abraham intended fully to sacrifice Isaac, but believed God would _____ him from the dead.
 - a. He believed God concerning the miraculous birth of his son (Romans 4:18-21).
 - b. He believed God concerning the supernatural resurrection of his son (Hebrews 11:17-19).
7. Isaac asks "where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" This question is still being asked by a frightened and confused world. They look everywhere for salvation. It is the right question, but they are looking for the wrong thing and in the _____ direction. They look to:
 - a. lamb of education
 - b. lamb of good works
 - c. lamb of the U.N.
 - d. lamb of baptism
 - e. lamb of church membership

The salvation lamb cannot be found in any of these.

8. Abraham answers "My son, God will provide Himself a lamb for a burnt offering." This is a complete summary of the Bible.

9. Abraham builds an altar and bids his only son to it. Another beautiful picture of Christ as Isaac lays his life down _____ allowing his father to tie and bind him. (22:9) This shows _____ to the Father.
10. We see one of the most dramatic statements in all the Bible in verse 10:
 “And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.”
11. Before he slays his son, God calls from Heaven and tells him, “Lay thine hand upon the lad...” God shos him a ram in the thicket.
12. Abraham calls the place _____, which means “the Lord wil _____.” God made a _____ to Abraham and, as always, He keeps His Word. His Word will always be kept. (Isaiah 55:11)

Notice the similarities between Abraham, the father, and God, the Father.

- a. Both had a beloved son. (Matthew 3:17; 17:5)
- b. Both were born miraculously. (Luke 1:35)
- c. Both had willing sons. Both were willing to be offered up. (John 10:18)
- d. Both offered up their sons. (John 3:16)
- e. Both, no doubt, received their sons back with great joy.
- f. Both made careful preparations for their son’s weddings. (Matthew 22:1, 2)

Chapter 23

Sarah dies at the age of _____ years old. This would make Isaac _____ years old when his mother died. Abraham buys a _____ at Machpelah for 400 pieces of silver and buries his beloved wife there. Later he himself would be buried there.