

# GENESIS – LESSON ELEVEN

- I. ABRAHAM AND ISAAC THE SON OF PROMISE (Gen. 21-23)**
- A. The Birth of Isaac as Jehovah had promised (21:1-7)
  - B. Abraham adheres to Sarah's request to send Hagar and Ishmael away (21:8-21)
    - 1. Son of handmaid not to be heir with Sarah's son.
    - 2. God tells Abraham not to be grieved – In Isaac shall his seed be called; God will make Ishmael a nation.
    - 3. God saves Hagar and Ishmael from death in wilderness of Beersheba.
    - 4. Ishmael dwells as archer in wilderness of Paran – Sinai Peninsula.
  - C. Abimelech makes covenant emphasizing kindness with Abraham (21:22-34)
    - 1. Abraham reproves Abimelech's over his servants taking well .
    - 2. Covenant made emphasizing that Abraham dug the well : place called Beersheba (well of seven).
    - 3. Abraham plants tamarisk tree and calls on the name of Jehovah, the Everlasting God .
  - D. God Tests Abraham: Offer up Isaac, his only son of promise (22:1-19)
    - 1. God instructs Abraham to offer up Isaac as a burnt offering in land of Moriah.
    - 2. God stays Abraham's hand – provides Ram for sacrifice.
    - 3. Seeing Abraham's obedience, Jehovah renews promise of blessing to Abraham
  - E. The Family of Nahor: Abraham's brother (22:20-24).
  - F. Sarah dies at the age of 127 in Hebron (23:1-2).
  - G. Abraham purchases burial place for Sarah from Ephron the Hittite: cave of the field of Machpelah (23:3-20).

## QUESTIONS:

1. Is God specific in his promises and fulfillment of prophecy?
2. Why does Abraham call his son "Isaac"?
3. How many "children" did Sarah give suck?
4. At the feast celebrating the weaning of Isaac, what upset Sarah?

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5. Why was Sarah's request permissible with God before a grieving Abraham?
6. How does God teach us about trusting in Him in prayer through the example of Hagar and Ishmael in wilderness of Beersheba?
7. What is significant about the wilderness of Paran?
8. Why did Abimelech want to make a covenant with Abraham?
9. What contention did Abraham have with Abimelech?
10. Why is Beersheba significant ?
11. What is the difference in God "tempting" us and "testing" us?
12. How old could Isaac have been when Abraham is told to offer him up as a burnt-offering?
13. Describe the faith of Abraham as he responds to God's test.
14. Nahor was the brother to \_\_\_\_\_ and Nahor's wife was \_\_\_\_\_ and she was the grandmother to \_\_\_\_\_ .
15. What does Abraham remind us about death and our desire to bury our loved ones?
16. Where was Sarah buried and how was this place obtained?