

Genesis 22**Key Verse:** v.8**Key Word:** "worship" "the LORD will provide"**X-Ref:** Heb. 11:17-19; Jas. 2:21-22; Heb. 6:13-14**Paraphrase:** God commands Abraham to sacrifice Isaac. Abraham obeys but God spares Isaac. God reaffirms His covenant with Abraham.**Examining the Text:**

- 1) Comment on Abraham's response to God's command to sacrifice his son. – "So he arose..." – no argument from Abraham. He arose early and made preparations. He trusted that God could raise his son from the dead (Heb. 11:17-19).
- 2) Did Abraham believe that he would go home with his son? – Yes. In verse five he stated that he and the boy would return. In Heb. 11:17-19, we learn that he believed that God would raise his son from the dead. In verse eight, he tells Isaac that God would provide.
- 3) By what did the Lord swear His promise? – By Himself. – Heb. 6:13-14

Genesis 23**Key Verse:** v.4**Key Word:** "buried"**X-Ref:** Gen. 49:29-32; 25:9; Heb. 11:3**Paraphrase:** Sarah dies at 127 years old. Abraham purchases a burial cave.**Examining the Text:**

- 1) To whom did Abraham speak about a burial plot and where did he choose? – The Hittites. The cave of Machpelah.
- 2) Who did Abraham purchase the land from and for how much? – Ephron the son of Zohar for 400 shekels.
- 3) What was Abraham's reputation among the Hittites? – "you are a prince of God among us." – v.6

Genesis 24**Key Verse:** v.27, v.40**Key Word:** "wife" v.4**X-Ref:** Gal. 3:16; Gen. 25:19**Paraphrase:** Abraham sends a servant to his father's house to find a wife for his son. God blesses the servant's journey and the servant brings back Rebekah to marry Isaac.**Examining the Text:**

- 1) If the woman was not willing to follow the servant back and marry Isaac, what would happen? – He would be free of his oath, but still not allowed to choose a wife from the Canaanites -v.8.
- 2) Describe the servant's request to God regarding the choosing of Isaac's wife. - The young woman to whom he said "Please let down your jar that I may drink" and she say "Drink and I will water your camels."
- 3) What conclusion might we draw from the phrase "Before he had finished speaking..."? – God knew his request before he asked it.
- 4) While speaking to Rebekah's family, Abraham's servant makes a statement that shows how seriously he took his responsibility. What did he say? – "I will not eat until I have said what I have to say." – v.33
- 5) Abraham's servant wanted to leave the following day. Rebekah's mother and brother wanted her to stay at least 10 days. How did they settle this matter? – They asked Rebekah and she said she would go – v.58.

Genesis 25**Key Verse:** v.23**Key Word:** "birthright" v.31**X-Ref:** 1Chr.1:32**Paraphrase:** Abraham took another wife and she gave him six sons. Abraham dies at 175 years old. Rebekah has twins and the oldest sells his birthright to the youngest.**Examining the Text:**

- 1) What did Abraham do with the sons of his concubines before he died? – He sent them east – v.6.
- 2) Who buried Abraham and what might this information lead us to conclude? – Isaac and Ishmael. We might conclude that they kept in contact.
- 3) How old was Isaac when he took Rebekah as his wife? – She was 40 years old – v.20.
- 4) What does the name "Jacob" mean? - "He takes by the heel" or "he cheats" – ESV footnote

Genesis 26**Key Verse:** v.12; vs.2-5; vs.24-25**Key Word:** "blessed"**X-Ref:** Acts 3:25; Gen. 12 & 20**Paraphrase:** Isaac moves because of a famine. God affirms His promise with Isaac. Isaac lies about Rebekah.**Examining the Text:**

- 1) What lie did Isaac tell the men of Gerar? – "she is my sister" -v.7
- 2) Word Study: "laughing" v.8 – "to laugh, mock, play; to sport, make sport, toy with" – Strong's Concordance. Hebrew may suggest an intimate relationship – ESV footnote.
- 3) How many wells did Isaac dig in this chapter? – Four times. The last one was in Beersheba -v.23; 32.
- 4) Why did Abimelech want a treaty with Isaac? – "...the LORD has been with you." – v.28. It was obvious to Abimelech that Isaac was wealth and powerful because of God.

Genesis 27**Key Verse:** vs.35-36**Key Word:** "cheated" v.36**X-Ref:** Heb 11:20; 12:17**Paraphrase:** With the help of his mother, Jacob steals his brothers blessing.**Examining the Text:**

- 1) What instructions did Isaac give to Esau? – Hunt venison. Cook it like he liked it. Then he would bless him. – vs.3-4
- 2) What instructions did Rebekah give to Jacob? – Get two young goats from the pen. I will cook them like your father likes. We will deceive your father – vs. 9-13.
- 3) How did Jacob cheat his brother twice? – First, by taking advantage of his brother by purchasing his birthright when he was dying of starvation. Second, by stealing his blessing by deceiving his father.
- 4) Rebekah sending Jacob away accomplished what two things? – Saved him from his brother and helped him find a wife among Rebekah's family and not of the Canaanites.

Genesis 28**Key Verse:** v.12, v.15, v.22**Key Word:** "Bethel" "offspring"**X-Ref:** Jn. 1:51; Isa. 59:1-2; Jn. 14:6; Jn. 1:18; Heb 9:24**Paraphrase:** Isaac instructs Jacob where to find a wife. Esau turns to Ishmael for a wife. God affirms Abraham's promise with Jacob.**Examining the Text:**

- 1) Where did Esau seek out another wife? – From Ishmael's people. Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael. -v.9.
- 2) What did God promise to Jacob as he slept? – He would give him the land he was in, give him many offspring, bless all nations through his descendants, and He would be with him. – vs. 13:15
- 3) What did Jacob say in response? – He erected a stone pillar and promised to give God a 10th of all he was blessed with. – v.22
- 4) What were the names of the place where Jacob saw the ladder? – Bethel / Luz – v.19