

Genesis 15**Key Verse:** 1, 5, 6**Key Word:** "seed" "offspring"**X-Ref:** 1Ki. 4:21; 2Chr. 9:26; Psa. 80:11**Paraphrase:** God affirms His promise with Abram. He mentions both the seed promise and the land promise.**Examining the Text:**

- 1) What was Abram worried about and how did God reassure him (vs.2-6)? *God had promised him an heir but Abram was old and concerned that he would not have a son. God told Abram to offer a sacrifice. After this, Abram fell asleep, and God told him of the future.*
- 2) What did God reveal to Abram about the future? *His descendants would sojourn in a land that was not theirs and be servants there for 400 years. Abram would live out his years in peace and die at an old age.*
- 3) What happened to the sacrifice? *A smoking fire pot and a torch passed between the pieces – v.17*
- 4) Has the land promise been fulfilled (1 Kings. 4:21)? *Yes. Solomon ruled over all the land that God promised to give them.*

Genesis 16**Key Verse:** 2**Key Word:** "prevented" "restrained"**X-Ref:** Gal. 4:22; 1Chr. 1:28**Paraphrase:** Sarai's lack of faith in God's promise leads to many problems.**Examining the Text:**

- 1) What does the word "prevented" tell us about Sarai's belief regarding God's promise (v.2)? *It does not appear that Sarai believed that the Lord would fulfill His promise. v.2*
- 2) Describe the relationship between Sarai and Hagar after Hagar becomes pregnant. *Hagar looked down upon Sarai after Hagar became pregnant. Maybe she thought she would take Sarai's place. – v.4*
- 3) How does the angel describe Ishmael? *Ishmael is described as "a wild donkey of a man". He would constantly be fighting with everyone around him. -v.12*
- 4) How old is Abram at the start of the chapter? *75 or 76 years old. – vs.3; 15*

Genesis 17**Key Verse:** v.2**Key Word:** "covenant" "circumcision"**X-Ref:** Lk. 1:55; Acts 7:5; Rom. 4:11; Jn. 7:22**Paraphrase:** God established His covenant with Abraham through circumcision.**Examining the Text:**

- 1) List the significant events that happen in this chapter: *(a) Abram becomes Abraham (b) Covenant restated (c) Circumcision instituted (d) Sarai becomes Sarah (e) Promised a son (f) Ishmael blessed too.*
- 2) How old would Abraham be when his son would be born? *Abraham would be 100 years old, and Sarah would be 90 years old.*
- 3) How old were Abraham and Ishmael when they were circumcised? *Abraham was 99 years old, and Ishmael was 13 years old – vs.24-25.*
- 4) Who had to be circumcised? *All males 8 days old and up. – v.12*

Genesis 18**Key Verse:** v.10; vs.20-21; v.32**Key Word:** "wicked" "laughed"**X-Ref:** Heb. 13:2; Rom. 9:9; Heb. 11:11; 1Pet. 3:6**Paraphrase:** The LORD (Yahweh) assures Abraham that he will have a son by Sarah next year. Abraham intercedes for Sodom.**Examining the Text:**

- 1) Why did the Lord say, "Is anything too hard for the Lord?" *Because Sarah laughed because she believed that she was too old to have a child. – v.14*
- 2) List the number of "righteous" that God agreed to spare the city if he found. *50, 45, 40, 30, 20, 10 – v.26-33*
- 3) What does the text say is the reason that Abraham interceded? *Abraham interceded on behalf of the righteous. "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?"*

Genesis 19**Key Verse:** vs.15, 17, 22**Key Word:** "escape" "wickedly"

X-Ref: Matt. 10:15; Lk. 17:28; 2Pet. 2:7

Paraphrase: God rescues Lot from Sodom. His wife and likely other family members did not survive.

Examining the Text:

- 1) In this chapter and the previous one, what did both Abraham and Lot do when they were in the presence of heavenly beings? *They both bowed down to the earth. Note that in both instances they recognized them as heavenly beings.*
- 2) After the angels blinded the attackers, how did the actions of the attackers change? *Their actions did not change. They continued "groping for the for the door." Even though their sinful desires had bad consequences for them they continued to seek them anyway.*
- 3) Word Study: "Zoar" (v.22): *Zoar means little – ESV footnotes. The King of Zoar was in the battle of the Kings in chapter 14.*
- 4) Why did Lot's wife look back (v.15)? *Possibly because she had family there (v.15). Think of all those who went with them when they separated from Abraham.*
- 5) Who would be considered the "grandfather" of the Moabites and the Ammonites? *Lot.*

Genesis 20

Key Verse: v.5

Key Word: "sister"

X-Ref: Genesis 12:1-20

Paraphrase: Abraham and Sarah deceive Abimelech into believing that she was not his wife. This lie endangers the entire kingdom.

Examining the Text:

- 1) God tells Abimelech that he had been able to keep his integrity for what reason (v.6)? *God tells Abimelech that he was innocent because God did not allow him to touch Sarah.*
- 2) How does Abraham justify his lie, and did he misjudge Abimelech and his kingdom (v.11)? *He believed that there was no fear of God in the land. Yes, I believe that he did misjudge them, or at least Abimelech. When God confronted Abimelech, he was afraid (v.8).*
- 3) This chapter reveals that Abraham and Sarah's lie has a partial truth. What is it? *Sarah is Abraham's half sister on his father's side (v.12).*

Genesis 21

Key Verse: v.2

Key Word: "promised" – v.1

X-Ref: Gal. 4:30

Paraphrase: Sarah has a son as God promised. Hagar and Ishmael are sent away, but God watches over them for Abraham's sake.

Examining the Text:

- 1) What event caused Sarah to tell Abraham to send Hagar and Ishmael away? *Ishmael was laughing at Isaac. – v.9*
- 2) How did Abraham feel about sending them away and what did God do to comfort Abraham? *"The thing was very displeasing to Abraham" (v.11). God assured Abraham that Ishmael would be blessed and cared for. – v.12*
- 3) What caused Abimelech to ask Abraham to swear to deal justly with him? *Abimelech saw that "God is with you in all that you do" (v.22). He was concerned because of how powerfully God had blessed Abraham.*