

## CREATOR GOD’S AMAZING PLAN FOR ABRAHAM, SARAH & THE WORLD!

### God Keeps His Promise To Abraham & Sarah (Review) Genesis 21:1-12 (about 2000 B.C.)

21:1 God was very kind to Sarah – and God did for Sarah what he promised. 2 Sarah became pregnant. And the next year Sarah gave birth to a son for Abraham. 3 Abraham named his son Isaac. 5 Abraham was 100 years old (and Sarah was 90 years old) when Isaac was born. 12 God said to Abraham, “I will count your descendants through Isaac.”

### Creator God Gives Abraham a Very Hard Test (Review) Genesis 22:1-18

22:1 Later, God tested Abraham. 2 God said to Abraham, “You love Isaac – you love your only son Isaac. Now take your son Isaac, and go to a mountain in Moriah – and sacrifice Isaac to me on the mountain (on Mt. Moriah).” 3 Abraham got up early the next morning – and he cut wood for the sacrifice. Then Abraham took two servants and his son Isaac. He got on his donkey and they started going to the mountain.

4 On the third day Abraham saw the mountain – the mountain was still far away. 5 Then Abraham said to the servants, “Stay here with the donkey. The boy and I will go to the mountain. We will worship God. Then we will come back to you.”

6 Isaac carried the wood. And Abraham carried the fire and the knife. And they started walking to the mountain. 7 But Isaac said, “Father?” “Yes, my son?” answered Abraham. Then Isaac asked, “We have the fire, and we have the wood. But where is the lamb for the sacrifice?” 8 Abraham answered, “My son, God provides the lamb for himself – God provides the lamb for the sacrifice.”

9 Abraham and Isaac came to the mountain. And Abraham made an altar – and he put the wood on the altar. Then Abraham tied his son Isaac, and he laid Isaac on the altar. 10 And Abraham picked up the knife to kill his son. 11 But before Abraham killed his son, the Angel of God called to Abraham from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham! 12 Do not touch the boy. Do nothing to the boy.”

The Angel of God said to Abraham, “Now I know that you respect God. Isaac is your only son – but you were going to give Isaac to me.” 13 Then Abraham looked behind him. There was a bush behind him – and in the bush was a sheep. The sheep’s horns were caught in the bush. So Abraham went to the bush – and he took the sheep. And Abraham sacrificed the sheep instead of his son.

14 So Abraham named that place: God Will Provide. So today we say: “On God’s mountain, God will provide.”

15 The Angel of God called to Abraham from heaven again, 16 “I swear by myself. Because you ‘gave’ me your son, your only son – 17 I will bless you. I will make your descendants as many as the stars in the sky. 18 And through your descendant t all nations on earth will be blessed.”

## CONTENT QUESTIONS

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- How did God test Abraham's faith? (Genesis 22:2)
  - How did Abraham feel about Isaac? (verse 2)
- What 3 things did Abraham and Isaac carry to the mountain? (verse 6)
- What did Abraham and Isaac not carry to the mountain? (verse 7)
  - So what did Isaac ask his father? (verse 7)
  - What did Abraham answer? (verse 8)
- What did Abraham do to his son Isaac on the mountain? (verse 9)
  - Did Abraham kill Isaac? (verses 11-12)
- What did God provide for Abraham and Isaac? (verse 13)
  - So what did Abraham name that place? (verse 14)
  - So, what do people say about God's mountain? (verse 14)
- What did God promise Abraham in verse 18?

How do you think God will bless all peoples through Abraham's descendant?  
How will God "provide on his mountain"?

Who do you think is Abraham's most important descendant?

Let's look at 4 points –

- Point 1:  
About 1000 years after Abraham, what happened on Mt. Moriah?

***On Mt. Moriah, King Solomon built God's temple in Jerusalem.***

2 Chronicles 3:1

So, what city is on Mt. Moriah?

- Point 2:  
About 1000 years after Solomon, what happened at Jerusalem (on Mt. Moriah)?

***16The Roman Governor gave Jesus to the Jewish leaders, because the Jewish leaders wanted to put Jesus on a cross and kill Jesus. So soldiers took Jesus – 17and Jesus carried his own cross outside (the city of Jerusalem). 18The soldiers put Jesus on the cross – 20it was near the city of Jerusalem.***

John 19:16-20

So where was Jesus killed?

Point 3:

Who was Jesus? Why did he die on the cross?

***“Look! Jesus is God’s Lamb. Jesus takes away the sin of the world.”***

John 1:29

Remember? What did Abraham say in Genesis 22:8?

***15John baptized Jesus in the river. 16Then Jesus came out of the water. 17And from heaven God the Father said, “This is my Son. I love him! I am very happy with him!”***

Matthew 3:15-17

How did God the Father feel about his Son Jesus?

Later, what did Jesus do on the cross?

***Jesus Christ carried our sins in his body on the cross.*** 1 Peter 2:24

Point 4:

Why did God the Father sacrifice his Son Jesus on the cross on Mt. Moriah?

***God (the Father) loved the world so much – so God gave his only Son Jesus to the world. Why? So that everyone who believes in Jesus will not die forever – but everyone who believes in Jesus will live forever.***

John 3:16

So, how did God provide for everyone in the world (on God’s mountain)?

How are God and Abraham the same?

What did they both do (on God’s mountain)?

How are Jesus and Isaac the same?

What happened to them both (on God’s mountain)?

How much do you think God the Father loves us?