

SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER SERIES

GENESIS

BACK TO THE BEGINNING

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“When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.””

(Luk 21:28, NIV)

Genesis 21-26

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How it All Began

FOUR GREAT EVENTS				FOUR GREAT MEN			
<i>The Creation</i>	<i>The Fall</i>	<i>The Flood</i>	<i>The Tower</i>	ABRAHAM	ISAAC	JACOB	JOSEPH
1-2	3-5	6-9	10-11	12-23	24-26	27-36	37-50
20% of the book				80% of the book			
GOD DEALS WITH ALL MEN				GOD FOCUSES ON ONE FAMILY			
<i>The Early History of the Human Race</i>				<i>The Early History of the Chosen Race</i>			
Thousands of Years				360 Years			
MESOPOTAMIA				CANAAN		EGYPT	
<i>The Nature of God & Man</i>	<i>The Principle of Judgment</i>	<i>The Response of Faith</i>		<i>The Function of Suffering</i>			

God is fighting for Abraham's attention...

so that He can transform his heart!

**Because once God has his heart – He has all of him.*

God is fighting for **YOUR attention**...

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Because once God has **YOUR heart – He has all of **YOU**.*

“For where your **treasure** is,
there your **heart** will be also.”

(Mat 6:21, NIV)

“Now the LORD was **gracious** to Sarah as he had said, and **the LORD did for Sarah what he had promised**. Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, **at the very time God had promised him**. Abraham gave the name Isaac to the son Sarah bore him.”

(Gen 21:1-3, NIV)

Genesis 21....

- Sarah gives birth to their promised son, Isaac.
- *Tension immediately builds between Sarah (who now has Isaac) and Hagar (her servant who bore Ishmael). Sent into the wilderness.
- God shows Hagar a well and promises Ishmael will also father a great nation.

Genesis 22....

- God's testing of Abraham through the sacrifice of Isaac.

**We will finish with unpacking this story...

Genesis 23...

- The death of Sarah at the age of 127 (Isaac would have been 37).

- Sarah dies in Hebron (Canaan – the Promised Land) and Abraham purchases a cave and land around it for her burial site.

*Note: the loss of Abraham's wife leads to his first official "claim/ownerships" of land in Canaan.

Genesis 24....

- Sets the stage for the next generation.
- Abraham sends a servant to his homeland of Mesopotamia to find a wife for Isaac.
- Things unfold for the servant just as he prayed for, and he brings home Rebekah – whom Isaac loves but who is also barren.

Genesis 25...

- Abraham gets remarried...and then passes away at 175 years old and is buried next to Sarah – by both Isaac and Ishmael.
- God's promise to Isaac & Rebekah is fulfilled with the birth of twin sons, Esau & Jacob.
- Two very different boys...Esau trades his firstborn birth right to Jacob for a bowl of lentil stew.

Genesis 26...

- Mainly focuses on Isaac and his journey like his father, Abraham's.
- Sever famine in the land, God appears to him and reconfirms His covenant and instructs him not to go to Egypt. Isaac obeys, unlike his father.
- Isaac lies about his wife being his sister, just like his father. Isaac's prosperity grows & so does tension with the Philistines. Isaac moves to avoid conflict.

Genesis 22

“Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied. Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.” Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. He said to his servants, “Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you.” Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, “Father?” “Yes, my son?” Abraham replied. “The fire and wood are here,” Isaac said, “but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?””

(Gen 22:1-7, NIV)

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