

Genesis Chapter 22: The Passion BC

Genesis Chapter 20 & 21 Review

- God protects His people and His plan as Abimelech is stopped from molesting Sarah
- Abraham does not fess up to his sin; rebuked by a pagan king
- God is Merciful and Faithful to Abraham; Isaac is born; Promise fulfilled; Great joy!
- Abraham calls on the Name of the LORD...as was his custom
- We are also trust in the Blessed Promise and Hope...**Jesus Christ**

Genesis Chapter 22 *But the LORD was pleased To crush Him...* [Isaiah 53:10]

- A Narrative of a **4000 year old true event** which is...An **Allegory of a 2000 year old true event**; as Relative and Applicable today as ever
- Less about how much we love God.... than about how much **God loves us**

1 Some time later God **tested** Abraham.

- **Some time later:** Isaac now adolescent or young man
- **Tested:** Not to show God, but Abraham
- God uses **testing as a means:**
 1. To Humble us
 2. To Know what is in our heart [for us to know]
 3. To show His goodness to us:

Deuteronomy 8:16 "In the wilderness He fed you manna which your fathers did not know, that **He might humble you** and that He might **test you, to do good for you in the end.**

Deuteronomy 8:2 "You shall remember all the way which the LORD your God has led you in the wilderness these forty years, that He might **humble you, testing you, to know what was in your heart**, whether you would keep His commandments or not.

- God's trials are not for an evil end, but for us to learn perseverance under them:

James 1:12 Blessed is a man who **perseveres under trial**; for once he has been approved, he will **receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.**

- **Crown of Life** Promised *to those who love Him*
- Perseverance in following God's commands through trials, both tests and confirms our love for Him

John 14:15 " **If you love Me, you will** keep My commandments:

1b He said to him, "Abraham!" "**Here I am,**" he replied.

- "**Here I am**" : Key phrase in this chapter and elsewhere:

Hebrews 10:7 Then I said, '**Here I am**—it is written about me in the scroll— **I have come to do your will, O God.**' [C.f. Psalm 40:7] NIV

Isaiah 6:8 [Isaiah's Commission] Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and **who will go** for Us?" Then I said, "**Here am I**. Send me!"

1 Samuel 3:1 Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD before Eli And word from the LORD was rare in those days, **visions were infrequent**... and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was, 4 that the LORD called Samuel; and he said, " **Here I am**." ... 10Then the LORD came and stood and called as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "**Speak, for Your servant is listening**."

- Are we actively listening or shutting out God's voice in order not to obey?
- If we love Him we will keep His commands...**and will be close enough to hear!**

2 Then God said, "**Take your son, your only son**, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of **Moriah. Sacrifice** him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about."

- Loving God above ALL else:

Luke 14:26 "If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple.

- "**Your only son**"?; Abraham has 1 by Hagar (Ch.16), and 6 by Keturah his concubine (ch.25); Isaac is recognized as the set apart son of promise
- Begins the picture of God the Father sending/giving His "only begotten Son":

John 1:18 No one has seen God at any time; the only **begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father**, He has explained Him.

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that **He gave** His **only begotten** Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."

1 John 4:9 By this the love of God was manifested in us, that **God has sent His only begotten Son** into the world so that we might live through Him.

- We are **adopted "sons of God"**, past present and future
 1. **Ephesians 1:5** In love he predestined us to be **adopted as his sons** through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will...
 2. **1 John 3:1** See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called **children of God**...
 3. **Romans 8:23** even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our **adoption as sons**, the redemption of our body.

Romans 8:30 ...these whom [God] predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

- Isaac is referred to specifically as **Abraham's only begotten son**:

Hebrews 11:17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was offering up **his only begotten son**...[on Mt. Moriah]

MORIAH :

- **Abraham leaves** philistine country **for Mount Moriah**; I.e. "**Where the LORD provides**" or "**Where the LORD appears**" to sacrifice his son
- **Future temple site**: After David "counted his men", God sent an angel to devour Jerusalem by the Sword; **judgment** for David's sin

1 Chronicles 21:18 (Read) ...the angel of the LORD commanded Gad to say to David, that David should go up and build an altar to the LORD on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. 19So David went up at the word of Gad, which he spoke in the name of the LORD. 20Now Ornan turned back and saw the angel, and his four sons who were with him hid themselves. And Ornan was threshing wheat. 21As David came to Ornan, Ornan looked and saw David, and went out from the threshing floor and prostrated himself before David with his face to the ground. 22Then David said to Ornan, "Give me the site of this threshing floor, that I may build on it an altar to the LORD; for the full price you shall give it to me, that the plague may be restrained from the people." 23Ornan said to David, "Take it for yourself; and let my lord the king do what is good in his sight. See, I will give the oxen for burnt offerings and the threshing sledges for wood and the wheat for the grain offering; I will give it all." 24But King David said to Ornan, "No, but I will surely buy it for the **full price**; for I will not take what is yours for the LORD, or offer a burnt offering which costs me nothing." 25So David gave Ornan 600 shekels of gold by weight for the site. 26Then David built an altar to the LORD there and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. And he called to the LORD and He answered him with fire from heaven on the altar of burnt offering. 27 The LORD commanded the angel, and he **put his sword back in its sheath**. 28At that time, when David saw that the LORD had answered him on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite, he **offered sacrifice** there. 29 For the tabernacle of the LORD, which Moses had made in the wilderness, and the altar of burnt offering were in the high place at Gibeon at that time. 30But David could not go before it to inquire of God, for he was terrified by the sword of the angel of the LORD...

- **Sword back in sheath**: The place where sacrifice was made/judgment satisfied

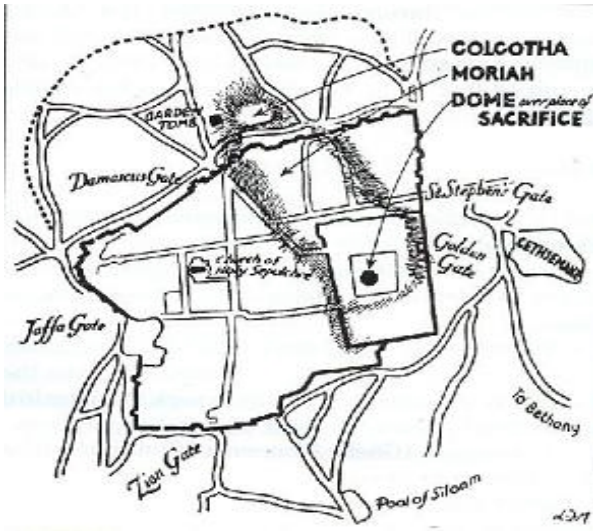
1 Chronicles 22:1 Then David said, "**This is the house of the LORD God, and this is the altar of burnt offering for Israel.**"

2 Chronicles 3:1 Then Solomon **began to build the house of the LORD in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah**, where the LORD had appeared to his father David, at the place that David had prepared on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite

- "Sacrifice him there as a **burnt offering**..." v.2
- **Burnt Offerings**: The Burnt Offering was to be totally consumed; No Misunderstanding

Genesis 8:20 Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of

every clean bird and offered **burnt offerings** on the altar. [Consumed]



- **Jesus was crucified on Golgotha**
- Golgotha means "Summit," the **highest point of Moriah**. It is a word which means the cranium, or top of a skull. [<http://www.ensignmessage.com/archives/moriah.html>]
- Jesus atoned for our sins and **judgment was satisfied**; "[the angel] put his sword back in its sheath"
- Abraham, David, and the Temple point toward Jesus:
- Moriah: Place of Judgment /Sacrifice/Atonement

3 Early the next morning Abraham got up and saddled his donkey. He took with him two of his servants **and his son Isaac**.

- Prompt obedience: No recorded resistance after v.2 [unlike George C. Scott]
- Abraham, Isaac, 2 servants
- Isaac's **faith in** and **obedience to** his father should not be overlooked especially after the revelation of what was happening [v.7]

Isaiah 50:5 [Read]The Lord GOD has opened My ear; And I was not disobedient Nor did I turn back. 6I gave My back to those who strike Me, And My cheeks to those who pluck out the beard; I did not cover My face from humiliation and spitting. 7For the Lord GOD helps Me, Therefore, I am not disgraced; Therefore, **I have set My face like flint**, And I know that I will not be ashamed. 8He who vindicates Me is near; Who will contend with Me?

3b When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. 4 On the **third day** Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance.

- 3rd Day:

Matthew 12:40 ...just as JONAH WAS THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS IN THE BELLY OF THE SEA MONSTER, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

- **Isaac was a good as dead for 3 days**
- Abraham prepared for what was already done in Abrahams heart, soul, mind , and strength; I.e. **the sacrificial death of his son**
- Perseverance in following God's commands through trials, both tests and confirms our love for Him:

Mark 12:30 ...YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR **HEART**, AND WITH ALL YOUR **SOUL**, AND WITH ALL YOUR **MIND**, AND WITH ALL YOUR **STRENGTH**.' [if you love/you will keep]

5 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**."

- "...we will come back to you"; Abraham **believed God could raise the dead**

Mark 9:31 For He was teaching His disciples and telling them, "The Son of Man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him; and when He has been killed, **He will rise three days later**."

- Servants stayed at a distance, as did the disciples:

Matthew 26:31 Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of Me this night, for it is written, ' I WILL STRIKE DOWN THE SHEPHERD, AND THE SHEEP OF THE FLOCK SHALL BE SCATTERED.'

6 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,

- Burden placed on the sons back...*by the father*

John 19:17 They took Jesus, therefore, and He went out, **bearing His own cross**, to the place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha.

But the LORD was pleased To crush Him, putting Him to grief...
[Isaiah 53:10]

- The two **went together** [also v.8]: Father and son inseparable from eternity past
- Even as Jesus carried the cross; Father and son... **Together**
- God is with us as we carry our cross

7 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**?"

- **Realization:**

Luke 22: 41 (Read) And He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and began to pray,⁴² saying, "Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done." ⁴³Now an angel from heaven appeared to Him, strengthening Him. ⁴⁴And being in agony He was praying very fervently; and His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down upon the ground.

- **Where is the Burnt offering:** Unblemished Lamb Totally consumed unto God

Exodus 29:38 (Read) "Now this is what you shall offer on the altar: two one year old lambs each day, continuously. 39"The one lamb you shall offer in the morning and the other lamb you shall offer at twilight; 40and there shall be one-tenth of an ephah of fine flour mixed with one-fourth of a hin of beaten oil, and one-fourth of a hin of wine for a drink offering with one lamb. 41"The other lamb you shall offer at twilight, and shall offer with it the same grain offering and the same drink offering as in the morning, for a soothing aroma, an offering by fire to the LORD. 42"It shall be a continual burnt offering throughout your generations at the doorway of the tent of meeting before the LORD, where I will meet with you, to speak to you there.

- **Jesus:** consumed to satisfy God's Righteous Requirement for the penalty of our sin:

John 1:29 The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, "Behold, the **Lamb of God** who takes away the sin of the world! ... **John 1:36**and he looked at Jesus as He walked, and said, "Behold, the **Lamb of God!**"

- Sacrifice forever remembered

Revelation 5:6 And I saw between the throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders **a Lamb standing, as if slain**, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth.

8 Abraham answered, "**God himself will provide** the lamb for the burnt offering, my son."

Genesis 22:8 And Abraham said, My son, *God will **provide himself*** a lamb for a burnt offering ... [KJV]

- Only the **Perfect One** could take our place; would be accepted:

Isaiah 59:16 And He saw that there was no man, And was astonished that there was no one to intercede; Then **His own arm brought salvation to Him**, And His righteousness upheld Him.

John 8:24 "Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that **I am He, you will die in your sins.**"

8b And the two of them **went on together**. 9 When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham **built an altar** there and arranged the wood on it. He **bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood**.

- 2 Went together; **Isaac laid down willingly**

John 10:17 Therefore doth the Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I may take it again. 18 No one taketh it away from me, but **I lay it down of myself**.

John 19:10 Pilate therefore saith unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? Knowest thou not that I have power to release thee, and have **power to crucify thee**? 11 Jesus answered him, Thou **wouldest have no power against me, except it were given thee from above**: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath greater sin.

- **Laid him on the Altar:** Abraham was an altar builder from the time God called him with the promise of land; then of the Seed

Genesis 12:7 The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land" So he built an altar there to the LORD who had appeared to him. 8 Then he proceeded from there to the mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and **there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD**. [Land promise]

Genesis 13:18 Then Abram moved his tent and came and dwelt by the oaks of Mamre, which are in Hebron, and there he **built an altar** to the LORD.

- This altar he would offer up **everything that could physically fulfill** the promise:

Hebrews 11:17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, **offered up Isaac**, and he who had received the promises was offering up his only begotten son; 18 it was he to whom it was said, "IN ISAAC YOUR DESCENDANTS SHALL BE CALLED." 19 He considered that God is able to **raise people even from the dead**, from which he also received him back as a type.

James 2:21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he **offered up Isaac**...

10 Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. 11 But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" **"Here I am,"** he replied.

- **The Angel of the LORD:** The One Who would take Isaac's place...and ours
- **Here I am!** What emotion here! **God intervenes:** God of the 12th hour and 59th minute

12 "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son." 13 Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. **He went over and took** the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son.

- "He went over and took..." We must take the gift:

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ

Jesus our Lord.

14 So Abraham called that place **The LORD Will Provide**. And to this day it is said, "On **the mountain of the LORD** it will be provided."

- **Moriah:** The Mountain of the LORD where the LORD provided

15 The **angel of the LORD** called to Abraham from heaven a second time
16 and said, "**I swear by myself, declares the LORD**, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, 17 I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies,

- **The Angel of the LORD declared Himself LORD**...no debate

Judges 6:22 When Gideon saw that he was the angel of the Lord, he said, "Alas, O Lord God! For now I have seen the angel of the Lord face to face." ²³ The Lord said to him, "Peace to you, do not fear; you shall not die." ²⁴ Then Gideon built an altar there to the Lord and named it The Lord is Peace.

- **"Because you have done this...":** Faith complete...as it was while gathering wood

James 2:21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he **offered up Isaac** his son on the altar? ²² You see that faith was working with his works, and as a result of the works, **faith was perfected**...

- **"I will bless you..."** as said many time before:

Hebrews 6:13 For when God made the promise to Abraham, since He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, ¹⁴ saying, "**I WILL SURELY BLESS YOU AND I WILL SURELY MULTIPLY YOU.**"

Genesis 15:5 And He took him outside and said, "Now look toward the heavens, and count the stars, if you are able to count them" And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be."

Genesis 26:4 "I will multiply your descendants as the **stars of heaven**, and will give your descendants all these lands; and by your descendants all the nations of the earth shall be blessed;

18 and through your **offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.**"

- To the **Jews:**

Acts 3:25 "It is you who are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant which God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, 'AND IN YOUR SEED ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH SHALL BE BLESSED.'

- To the **Gentiles**

Galatians 3:8 The Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the **Gentiles by faith**, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "ALL THE NATIONS WILL BE BLESSED IN YOU."

- For **all who would believe** as Abraham did; promise fulfilled in Christ

Galatians 3:16 Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed He does not say, "And to seeds," as referring to many, but rather to one, "And to your seed," that is, Christ.

19 Then Abraham **returned to his servants**, and they **set off together** for Beersheba. And Abraham stayed in **Beersheba**.

- He and his servants went to Beersheba; the "Well of the Oath" or "Well of the Seven"
- **Time of refreshing: Pentecost**

Acts 1: 4 and, being assembled together with them, he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, said he, ye heard from me:
5 For John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be **baptized in the Holy Spirit not many days hence**.

- God was **preparing a bride for Isaac**:

20 Some time later Abraham was told, "Milcah is also a mother; she has **borne sons to your brother Nahor**: 21 Uz the firstborn, Buz his brother, Kemuel (the father of Aram), 22 Kesed, Hazo, Pildash, Jidlaph and Bethuel." 23 Bethuel became the father of **Rebekah**. Milcah bore these eight sons to Abraham's brother Nahor. 24 His concubine, whose name was Reumah, also had sons: Tebah, Gaham, Tahash and Maacah.

Revelation 19:7 "Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His **bride** has made herself ready."

2 Corinthians 11:2...I **betrothed you to one husband**, so that to Christ I might present you as a pure virgin.

- **Abraham**: Picture of the Father
- **Isaac**: Picture of the Son
- **Rebekah**: A picture of the Bride of the Son
- **We, the Church, are that Bride because Jesus took Isaac's place and ours...Chapter 24**

