

2. ABRAHAM: Acing the Test

Genesis 22 (and 20, 21)

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Genesis 20

20:11 And Abraham said, “Because I thought, surely there is no fear of God in this place; and they will kill me because of my wife.”

Genesis 21

21:1 Then the LORD took note of Sarah as He had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as He had promised.

21:2 So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the appointed time of which God had spoken to him.

21:12 “... through Isaac your descendants shall be named.”

21:33 He [Abraham] planted a tamarisk tree at Beersheba, and there he called on the name of the LORD, the Everlasting God.

Genesis 22

22:1 Now it came about after these things, that God tested Abraham, and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.”

22:2 And He [God] said, “Take now your son, your only son, the one you love, Isaac, and go forth to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I will tell you.”

22:3 So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and Isaac his son; and he ... arose and went to the place of which God had told him.

22:4 On the third day Abraham raised his eyes and saw the place from a distance.

22:5 Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey, and I and the lad will go over there; and we will worship and return to you.”

22:9 Then they came to the place of which God had told him; and Abraham built the altar there and arranged the wood, and bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.

22:10 Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

22:11 But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham! ...

22:12 ... Do not stretch out your hand against the lad, and do nothing to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.”

22:16 “... you have ... not withheld your son, your only son.”

22:19 So Abraham returned to his young men, and they arose and went together to Beersheba; and Abraham lived at Beersheba.

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