

Abraham and Isaac: The Promised Seed

Quote:

“And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.”

Genesis 22:16-18

Bible Marking for Genesis 22

Genesis 22:1

“tempt” – to prove - ie to test the quality or find the genuineness (Exod 15:25; 1 Sam 17:39)

“only son” – as was Jesus (John 3:16).

“Moriah” – Seen of Yah. Located in Jerusalem. Solomon’s temple built here (2 Chron.3:1). It was here where Yahweh watched His son die.

Genesis 22:3

“rose up early” - no hesitation.

Genesis 22:5

“and come again to you” - He knew that God must restore Isaac again from the dead, in order to fulfil His promises (Heb. 11:17-19).

Genesis 22:6

“laid it upon Isaac” –Jesus bore his cross (John 19:17).

“and they went both of them

together” – Father and Son working together for the salvation of mankind (2 Cor.5:19). [Colour in the same repeated phrase in v8, 19 - use Blue]

Genesis 22:8

“God will provide Himself a lamb” - Jesus, the lamb of God, that Yahweh has provided (John 1:29, 36).

Genesis 22:9

He Counted It To Him For Righteousness

Mark above or below Genesis 22

Abraham believed the gospel ten years BEFORE his faith was counted to him for righteousness. (Heb 11:8; Gen 15:6). Therefore it is NOT the instant one believes that he is accounted righteous, (or justified). Abraham was the subject of a twofold justification.

Firstly he was justified by faith (Rom 4:1-3): In Gen 15 Abram believed God, and the covenant was confirmed by a sacrifice that pointed to the work of the Lord Jesus Christ. (typical of belief and baptism) In this Abram accepted the Word of God. This became the foundation of the development of a Godly character. This teaches that a man’s faith in the gospel is counted to him for righteousness in the act of being baptised into the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Secondly Abraham was justified by works when he offered Isaac his son upon the altar (Jas 2:21-24). This is the necessary next step in our service. If after baptism we walk according to the ways of the world, our faith is shown to be dead, but if like Abraham, we by patient continuance in welldoing seek for glory honour and incorruptibility (Rom 2:7) we will find everlasting life.

“bound Isaac” – a willing sacrifice (Luke 22:42), as he could have easily fought off his aged father.

Genesis 22:11

“And the angel of the LORD called unto him” – First calling related to the sacrifice of Isaac, and therefore represents the first advent of Jesus and his sacrificial work (v.15).

Genesis 22:13

“a ram” – a ram is the protector of the flock. In the Hebrew it signifies “strength”. He was caught in a thicket to represent the fact that Christ was caught in the redemptive work of mankind. Both Isaac and the ram represent Christ. Together they show Christ saved by his own sacrifice (Heb 13:20).

Genesis 22:14

“Yahweh-jireh” - “Yahweh will see or provide” (see margin). God would provide Himself a lamb and would see His Son sacrificed in this region.

Genesis 22:15 - Represents the second advent of Jesus and his work to fulfil the promise Abraham is about to receive.

Genesis 22:16

“By myself have I sworn” - an iron clad guarantee. Cited in Heb.6:13-14 (see margin).

Genesis 22:17

“I will bless thee” - In Genesis 12 - the promise was conditional - now it is unconditional.

“stars of the heaven” – represents spiritual seed of Israel (Rom.9:6-8, Mat.13:43, Dan.12:3)

“sand which is upon the sea shore” - represents natural seed of Israel (2 Sam.17:11, Isa.10:22; 48:19).

“possess the gate” – Whoever controls the gate controls the city. Spiritually it refers to the gateways into our mind. The seed of Abraham control these.

“his” – Jesus Christ (Psa.110:1-2, Gal.3:16).

Genesis 22:18

“all the nations of the earth be blessed” - if they heed the call of the Gospel and identify with the Lord Jesus Christ. (Cited Acts 3:25-26 and Gal.3:8 – see margin).

Promise to Abraham - Genesis 22:15-18

Circumstances: At the Land of Moriah – After demonstrating unswerving obedience, in being prepared to sacrifice Isaac (Genesis 22:16-18)

Summary: God’s promise was sworn by an OATH. His seed would be victorious by POSSESSING THE GATES OF HIS ENEMIES, and IN HIS SEED all nations shall be blessed.

The Promise: Yahweh swore by himself because he could swear by no greater (Heb 6:13-18) - He swore an oath by His very existence. It is therefore an absolute certainty (Gen 24:7; 26:3; 50:24; Exod 13:5,11; Mic 7:20; Luke 1:72-73).

Genesis 21:1-34 - Birth of Isaac

- 21:1-7 - Sarah's joy at the birth of Isaac
- 21:8-9 - The weaning of Isaac and mocking of Ishmael
- 21:10-11 - Sarah's anger at the mocking of Ishmael
- 21:12-13 - Ishmael banished but protected by God
- 21:14-16 - Ishmael's desperate distress
- 21:17-21 - Ishmael saved by God
- 21:22-26 - Abraham and Isaac oppressed by Philistines
- 21:27-32 - Reconciliation at the Well of the Covenant

21:33-34 - Abraham at Beersheba

Genesis 22:1-19 - Offering of Isaac

- 22:1-5 - Abraham tried by God
- 22:6-8 - Isaac a willing sacrifice
- 22:9-14 - Faith triumphant
- 22:15-19 - The Promises confirmed

Genesis 22:20-23:30 - Death and Burial of Sarah

- 22:20-24 - Abraham's relations in Haran
- 23:1-2 - Age and death of Sarah
- 23:3-18 - Purchase of a burying place
- 23:19-20 - Burial of Sarah