

The Birth of Isaac

1 Now the Lord visited Sarah as He said, and the Lord did for Sarah as He had spoken. 2 For Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in old age, at the set time, of which God had spoken to him. 3 So Abraham called the name of his son born to him—whom Sarah bore to him—Isaac. 4 Then Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God commanded him. 5 Now Abraham was one hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. 6 And Sarah said, “God has made me laugh; all who hear will laugh with me.” 7 She also said, “Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? For I have borne a child in my old age.”

Hagar and Ishmael Sent Away

8 So the child grew and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the same day Isaac was weaned. 9 Now Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, who was born to Abraham, playing with Isaac her son. 10 Therefore she said to Abraham, “Cast out this maidservant and her son, for the son of this maidservant shall not be heir with my son Isaac.” 11 And the matter was very displeasing in Abraham’s sight because of his son. 12 But God said to Abraham, “Do not let it be displeasing in your sight because of your son and your maidservant. Whatever Sarah said to you, listen to her voice; for in Isaac your seed shall be called. 13 Yet I will also make a great nation of the son of your maidservant, because he is your seed.”

14 So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water; and putting it on her shoulder, he gave it and the boy to Hagar, and sent her away. Then she departed and wandered in the wilderness, near the Well of Oath. 15 When the water in the skin was used up, she placed the boy under one of the shrubs. 16 Then she went and sat down across from him at a distance of about a bowshot; for she said to herself, “Let me not see the death of the boy.” So she sat opposite him, and lifted her voice and wept.

17 But God heard the voice of the lad from the place where he was. Then the Angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said to her, “What is the matter, Hagar? Do not fear, for God has heard the voice of the lad where he is. 18 Arise, lift up the lad and hold him with your hand, for I will make him a great nation.” 19 Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. So she went and filled the skin with water, and gave the lad a drink. 20 Thus God was with the lad; and he grew and dwelt in the desert, and became an archer. 21 He dwelt in the Wilderness of Paran; and his mother took a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Abraham’s Agreement with Abimelech

22 Now it came to pass at that time that Abimelech, and his friend Ochozath, and Phichol, the commander-in-chief of his army, spoke to Abraham, saying, “God is with you in all you do. 23 Now therefore, swear to me by God that you will not deal falsely with me, or with my offspring, or with my posterity; but that according to the righteousness I did to you, you will do to me and to the land in which you have dwelt.” 24 So Abraham said, “I swear.” 25 Then Abraham rebuked Abimelech because of a well of water Abimelech’s servants had seized. 26 Abimelech replied, “I do not know who did this thing; you did not tell me, nor had I heard of it until today.”

27 So Abraham took sheep and oxen and gave them to Abimelech, and the two of them made a covenant. 28 Then Abraham set seven ewe lambs of the flock by themselves. 29 Thus

Abimelech asked Abraham, “Why have you placed these seven ewe lambs by themselves?”
30 He replied, “You must take these seven ewe lambs from my hand, to witness that I dug this well.” 31 Therefore he called that place, the Well of Oath, because the two of them swore an oath there. 32 Thus they made a covenant at the Well of Oath. So Abimelech rose with Ochozath his friend and Phichol, the commander-in-chief of his army, and they returned to the land of the Philistines. 33 Then Abraham planted a field at the Well of Oath, and there he called on the name of the Lord, the eternal God. 34 So Abraham stayed in the land of the Philistines many days.

Genesis 22

Abraham Offers Isaac

1 Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, “Abraham! Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” 2 Then He said, “Take now your beloved son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a whole burnt offering on one of the mountains I tell you.”

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 split firewood for the whole burnt offering, and arose and went to the place God told him. 4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off. 5 Thus Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you.”

6 So Abraham took the firewood of the whole burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. Then he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together. 7 Then Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, “My father.” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” Then he said, “Look, the fire and the firewood, but where is the sheep for a whole burnt offering?” 8 And Abraham said, “My son, God will provide for Himself the sheep for a whole burnt offering.” So the two of them went together. 9 They came to the place where God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the firewood in order; and he bound Isaac his son hand and foot and laid him on the altar, upon the firewood.

10 Then Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. 11 But the Angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham! Abraham!” So he said, “Here I am.”

12 He then replied, “Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him, for now I know you fear God, since for My sake you have not spared your beloved son.” 13 Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him a ram was caught in a thicket by its horns. So he brought it for a whole burnt offering in the place of his son. 14 Thus Abraham called the name of the place The-Lord-Has-Appeared; as it is said to this day, “In the mountain the Lord was seen.”

15 Then the Angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, 16 and said, “By Myself I have sworn, says the Lord, because you did this thing, and for My sake did not spare your beloved son, 17 I will certainly bless you, and assuredly multiply your seed as the stars of heaven and as the sand on the seashore; and your seed shall inherit the cities of their enemies.

18 In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you obeyed My voice.”

19 So Abraham returned to his servants, and they rose and went together to the Well of Oath; and Abraham dwelt at the Well of Oath.