

## **Summary of Genesis 22**

A few weeks ago we were introduced to the life of Abraham (Abram). Abraham is by far the most important figure in Genesis. We noted that the Tower of Babel event in Genesis 11 was the immediate context for his life in the story of Genesis to “Reverse-the-Curse”. Abraham was called out of Ur of the Chaldeans, near the scene of the crime at Babel. Here is a recap of Abraham’s life as recorded in Genesis:

1. **Call of Abram** (12:1-3) – age 75
2. Journey of Abram to Canaan (12:4-9)
3. Famine and travel to Egypt (12:10-20)
4. Abram and Lot settle the land (13:1-18)
5. Abram goes to war to rescue Lot (14:1-24)
6. **God ratifies His covenant with Abram** (15:1-21)
7. Sarai gives Hagar to Abram (16:1-15) – age 85-86
8. **God calls for circumcision of Abram and offspring** (17:1-27) – age 99
9. Isaac is promised to Abraham and Sarai (18:1-21)
10. Sodom and Gomorrah are judged (18:22-19:38)
11. Abraham encounters Abimelech (20:1-18)
12. Isaac is born (21:1-34) – age 100
13. **Abraham offers up Isaac** (22:1-24)
14. Sarah dies and is buried (23:1-20) – age 137
15. Rebekah is chosen as Isaac’s wife (24:1-67) – age 140
16. Abraham dies and is buried (25:1-11) – age 175

### **I. Genesis 22:1-24 – The Restatement of the Covenant to Isaac**

*After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." 2 He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." 3 So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. 4 On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. 5 Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." 6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. 7 And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" 8 Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.*

*9 When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. 10 Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. 11 But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." 12 He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or*

*do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." 13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. 14 So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."*

*15 And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven 16 and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, 17 I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, 18 and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice." 19 So Abraham returned to his young men, and they arose and went together to Beersheba. And Abraham lived at Beersheba. 20 Now after these things it was told to Abraham, "Behold, Milcah also has borne children to your brother Nahor: 21 Uz his firstborn, Buz his brother, Kemuel the father of Aram, 22 Chesed, Hazo, Pildash, Jidlaph, and Bethuel." 23 (Bethuel fathered Rebekah.) These eight Milcah bore to Nahor, Abraham's brother. 24 Moreover, his concubine, whose name was Reumah, bore Tebah, Gaham, Tahash, and Maacah.*

### **III. New Testament Understanding of Genesis 22**

**Hebrews 11:17-19** *By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, 18 of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." 19 He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.*

### **III. Echoes of Genesis 22 in John 3:16-18**

**John 3:16-18** *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.*