

## **Study 5: Abraham, Part 2 - Genesis 19-25**

### **Overview of chapters 19-25:**

- Gen 19: Sodom & Gomorrah destroyed. Lot's seduction / origin of the Moabites (*Moab* sounds like the Hebrew for *from father*) & Ammonites (*Ben-Ammi* means *son of my father's people*).
- Gen 20: Abraham and Abimelek (king of Gerar – land of the Philistines). Abraham called a *prophet* (v 7).
- Gen 21: Birth of Isaac / Hagar & Ishmael sent away (Ishmael is about 15) / Treaty at Beersheba (can mean *well of seven* and *well of the oath*). Abraham is 100 years old.
- Gen 22: Abraham's test: Sacrifice your *only* son (vs. 2, 22). Mountain in the region of Moriah = Jerusalem. Faith: 22:5: "We will worship and then we will come back to you." 22:14: So Abraham called that place *The Lord Will Provide* [Jehovah-Jireh]. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided."
- Gen 23: Death of Sarah at 127 years old.
- Gen 24: Isaac and Rebekah
- Gen 25: Death of Abraham at 175 years old.

### **Themes set forth in Genesis chapters 12-22:**

#### **1. Covenant (Gen 15 & 17)**

- a. Stipulations
  - i. Circumcision – sign of the covenant (Gen 17:10-14)
- b. Blessings (Gen 12:2-3 – Abram is 75 years old)
  - i. New name (Gen 17:5, 15, cp. Isa 62:1-2; Rev 2:17). *Abram = exalted father, Abraham = father of many. Sarai = princess, Sarah = princess of the multitude*
  - ii. Abundant seed (Gen 12:2; 13:16; 15:5; 17:2, 4, 6) – *The Seed: Redeemer* (Gen 12:3; 18:18; Gal 3:16)
  - iii. Land (Gen 12:7; 13:14-15, 17; 15:7, 18; 17:8 – the whole world: Rom 4:13)
- c. Cursing / Penalties – God passes between the pieces of sacrificed animals ("May this be done to me if I violate this covenant")

#### **2. Types & Shadows**

- a. Melchizedek
  - i. King of Righteousness
  - ii. King of Salem (Shalom – Peace) – Heb 7:1-17
  - iii. Eternal (life & priesthood) – Ps 110:4; Heb 5:6, 10
  - iv. Bread & wine (Lord's Supper / Eucharist)
  - v. Receives a tithe from Abraham
- b. Abraham
  - i. Type of God – Offers his only son as a sacrifice for sin (Gen 22)
  - ii. Type of Christian believers (Gen 15:6; Rom 4:1-3, 12-13, 16, 18; Gal 3:6-9, 14, 16, 18)
  - iii. Type of the Old & New Covenants – Sarah & Hagar (Gen 16; 21:10; Gal 4:22-31). Legitimate (inspired) allegorical interpretation / application. St. Augustine: "The New is in the Old concealed; the Old is in the New revealed."

### **Some other references to Abraham in the N.T.:**

Genealogies (Matt 1 [Mary] and Luke 3 [Joseph – "He was the son, *so it was thought*, of Joseph..."])  
Heb 6:13, 15; 7:1-10; 11:8-19; James 2:21-23; 1 Pet 3:6  
Many others that speak of "Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob"

**Heb 8:8-19:** By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. 9 By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. 10 For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. 11 And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. 12 And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

13 All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. 14 People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. 15 If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them [New Jerusalem].

17 By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, 18 even though God had said to him, “It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.”[Gen 21:12] 19 Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death.