

"Abraham Offers Isaac" – Genesis 22:1-19

Genesis 12 – the calling of Abram

Four-fold promise to Abram (Abraham)

1. I will make you into a great nation
2. I will make your name great
3. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse
4. all peoples on earth will be blessed through you

Gen. 12:4 – Abraham _____ the Lord
he was _____ years old when he left his homeland

A problem with fulfilling the promise – Abraham didn't have any children

Some suggest this is a story of a monster god who requires child sacrifice – how do you counter that claim?

1. it fails to take seriously the _____ context
2. it fails to read the _____ of the wider story of Abraham
3. it fails to recognize the original audience had _____ the law that prohibited sacrificing children to God (Lev. 18:21, 20:2, Deut. 18:10)

Gen. 18:10 – Abraham has three visitors

leads to Gen. 22 – the birth of Isaac (Isaac means _____)

God speaks to Abraham –

'take your son, your only son'

go to region of Moriah – near Jerusalem – 2 Chronicles 3:1, this is the mountain on which Solomon built the _____

How old is Isaac at this time? –

In v. 5 – Abraham tells the servants to stay here – "We will worship and then we will come back to you"

Is Abraham hiding what is about to happen? – is he expressing confidence that in some way God will bring back both he and Isaac?

(Heb. 11:19)

Abraham loads the wood onto Isaac –

Isaac asks the obvious question – “Where is the lamb for the sacrifice?”

Isaac is bound and placed on the altar –
Abraham had the knife in his hand

Why is Abraham’s name called twice in v. 11?

“Now I know that you fear God” – was there some doubt about Abraham’s fear of God before this?

to fear God is to _____

Abraham assured Isaac that God would provide a lamb – God provides a _____
did Abraham not see the ram before? – was the rain not there before?

the Lord will ‘see to it’ –

the Lord saw to it – that Abraham and Sarah had a son
that the ram was caught in the thicket
that this happened on the mountain where the temple would be built
that His Son Jesus died on the cross for our sins