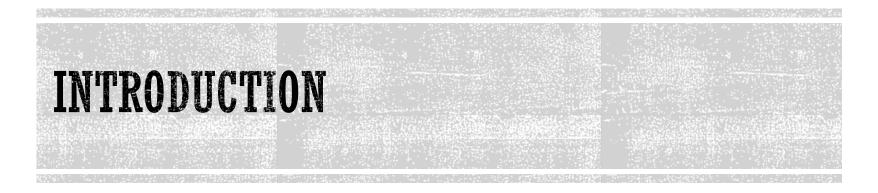


Scripture Reading:

Genesis 22:1-14



- •How would God have to prepare a father's heart in order to ask him to sacrifice his only son?
 - Based on Abraham's obedience to God's test, we have an unconditional covenant made with Abraham that provides for the salvation of the world.
 - This morning, we want to examine God's preparation of Abraham which would result in his obedience to God's request.

REVIEW OF THE ELEMENTS OF A COVENANT

Must be called a covenant

Will be **conditional** or **unconditional**

Once made, can't be added to, or subtracted from (Gal 3:15)

> Purpose of an <u>unconditional</u> covenant: to make it's promise(s) more sure to the <u>RECIPIENT (Heb 6:16-17)</u>

REVIEW OF BIBLICAL COVENANT MADE BY GOD UP TO GENESIS 22

Two Noahic unconditional covenants

Three covenants made with Abraham

- First Gen 15:18-21
 - An <u>un</u>conditional 'super-promise' of land to Abraham's seed
- Second Gen 17:1-8
 - An <u>un</u>conditional for eternity of:
 - Land (Canaan = new Earth)
 - God will be the God of Abraham and his (believing) seed for eternity



REVIEW OF BIBLICAL COVENANT MADE BY GOD UP TO GENESIS 22 (continued)

Third – Gen17:9-14

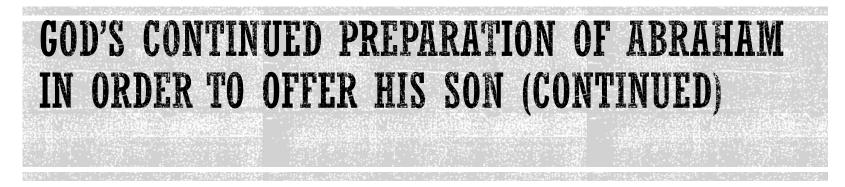
- 'super-promise' of the physical circumcision of all makes in Abraham's household as
 - A seal of Abraham's righteousness Rom 4:11
- A sign-reminder to Abraham's seed
 - Of Abraham's righteousness
 - Of the first two <u>un</u>conditional covenants



GOD'S CONTINUED PREPARATION OF ABRAHAM IN ORDER TO OFFER HIS SON

- Between Abraham's 75th and 99th year of age
 Gen 12:17 a promise of land to Abraham's
 - offspring (not yet in existence)
 - Gen 13:14-15 a <u>promise</u> of land to Abraham AND his yet non-existent offspring
 - Gen 15:1-6 a more specific <u>promise</u> of an offspring
 - 16:1-4 Sarah and Abraham's attempt to fulfill God's promise of an offspring by their own reasoning





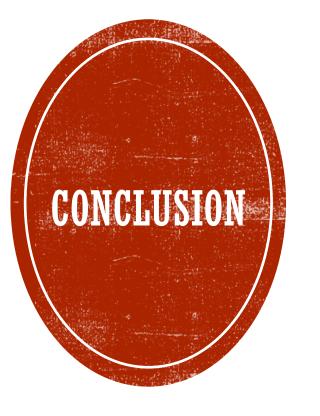
- Between Abraham's 75th and 99th year of age
 Gen 17:1-6 a <u>covenant</u> of multiplied descendants (nations and kings)
 - Gen 17:15-16 a promise to Abraham of SARAH bearing him a son
 - Gen 18:10-15 The Lord again promise a son through Sarah
 - Vs 14: "is anything to hard for the Lord?"
 - Gen 21:1-4 Abraham 100 yrs old, Sarah 90 yrs old.
 - Finally! The fulfilment of the promised Son!

"ABRAHAM, OFFER YOUR SON AS A SACRIFICE"

Gen 22:1-5 - Abraham is ~ 125 yrs old

- God's proving of Abraham (cf Ja 1:13)
 - That his faith, which cannot be seen) of Genesis 15:6 was real!
 - Abraham obeyed because he believed God's promises concerning THIS son, vs 5: "I and the lad will
 - **g**0,
 - worship, and
 - come again to you"





Hebrews 11:17-19 Abraham's display of faith became the grounds for the fourth covenant made, the one Abrahamic covenant that provides a tremendous part of our salvation today.