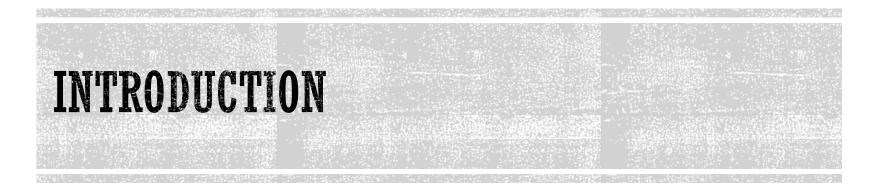


Scripture Reading:

#### 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

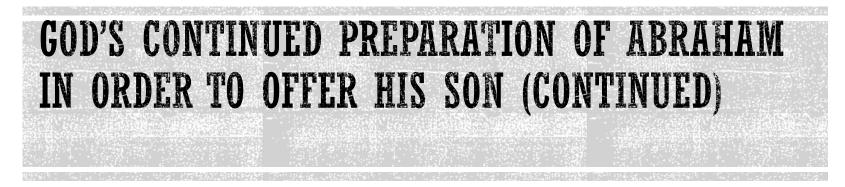
- 'super-promise' of the physical circumcision of all makes in Abraham's household as
  - A seal of Abraham's righteousness Rom 4:11
- A sign-reminder to Abraham's seed
  - Of Abraham's righteousness
  - Of the first two <u>un</u>conditional covenants



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

- Between Abraham's 75th and 99<sup>th</sup> 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





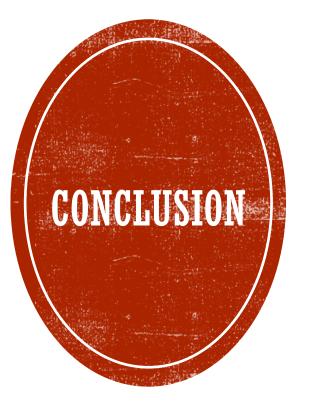
- Between Abraham's 75th and 99<sup>th</sup> year of age
  Gen 17:1-6 a <u>covenant</u> of multiplied descendants (nations and kings)
  - Gen 17:15-16 a promise to Abraham of SARAH bearing him a son
  - Gen 18:10-15 The Lord again promise a son through Sarah
    - Vs 14: "is anything to hard for the 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.