

I. Offering of Isaac (22)

- 1) Abraham is still in Beersheba and Isaac has grown up into a young man.
- 2) The Lord is going to test Abraham's faith.
- 3) The Lord comes to Abraham and says, "I want you to take Isaac and offer him up as a burnt offering to me. Go to the region of Moriah (the area around Jerusalem) to the mountain I will show you."
- 4) If Isaac is offered up as a burnt offering, what happens to the fulfillment of all those promises?
- 5) Abraham obeyed the Lord immediately.
- 6) He takes the donkey, two of his servants and Isaac.
- 7) On the 3rd day, Abraham spots the mountain where the Lord told him to offer his son.
- 8) He tells his servant (22:5), "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you."
- 9) Abraham takes the boy, goes to the mountain, ^{builds} ~~build~~ the ^{altar} ~~alter~~, put the wood on the altar, binds his son, and put him on the altar.
- 10) He took the knife in his hand, lifted his hand and was about to kill him.
- 11) Why did Abraham go through ~~it~~ with it? Hebrews says that he believed that if he obeyed God, God would keep his promise and raise Isaac from the dead.
- 12) This was a test of Abraham's faith. Did he really believe that God would keep his promise? He did.
- 13) The Lord called out to him and told him not to kill his son because He knew that Abraham really feared him.
- 14) The Lord tells him, "I swear by myself that because you have done this and have not withheld your ~~son~~, I will surely ble~~s~~s you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars of the sky and sand of the sea shore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies."
- 15) Abraham's obedience is the outworking of Abraham's saving faith. Faith and good works are inseparable. True, saving faith produces good works. Without it, that faith is as dead as a doornail.

m. Death of Sarah (23)

- 1) When Abraham gets back to Mamre, Sarah dies.
- 2) She lives to 127 years of age.
- 3) Sarah is the only woman whose age is given in the Bible.