

Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

Part 3 –The Birth of Isaac to Jacob’s Prosperity in Haran (Genesis 21-30).

1. Who set the time of the conception of Isaac and who chose his name?
 - God did (**Genesis 21:1-3** and **Genesis 17:19**).
2. What did Ishmael do at the feast thrown at the time Isaac was weaned and what was his punishment?
 - Ishmael mocked Isaac and for this Sarah requested that Hagar and Ishmael be cast out. Abraham, with God’s authority, did as Sarah requested (**Genesis 21:9-14**).
3. Was it God’s will that Ishmael perish?
 - No, (**Genesis 21:16-20**; cf. **Genesis 17:20**).
4. How long did Abraham sojourn in the land of the Philistines?
 - Many days (**Genesis 21:34**).
5. How did God test Abraham and did Abraham please the Lord?
 - God told Abraham: *“Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of”* (**Genesis 22:2**).
 - Yes, Abraham was successful in pleasing the Lord (**Genesis 22:10-18**; cf. **Hebrews 11:17-19** and **James 2:21-23**).
6. Where did Abraham want to bury Sarah and how much did he pay for that place?
 - He wanted to bury Sarah out of his sight (**Genesis 23:4**), the cave of Machpelah (**Genesis 23:9**).
 - The owner would have given Abraham the cave and the field in which the cave was, but Abraham paid the market value of four hundred shekels of silver (**Genesis 23:11-16**).
7. Of what descendants did Abraham wish Isaac to have a wife?
 - From Abraham’s country (**Genesis 24:4**) which was Haran (**Genesis 11:31; 12:1; 4**) a city in northern Mesopotamia.
 - When we read of the city of Nahor, we are talking about a person, not a city. Nahor was Abraham’s brother (**Genesis 11:26; 22:19-20**).
8. Who led Abraham’s eldest servant to find Rebekah?
 - God did (**Genesis 24:27**).
9. What comforted Isaac after his mother’s death?
 - His marriage to Rebekah (**Genesis 24:67**).
10. Who did Abraham marry after Sarah’s death?
 - Keturah (**Genesis 25:1**).

11. Who buried Abraham?
 - Isaac and Ishmael (**Genesis 25:9-10**).
12. What did Rebekah and Sarah have in common?
 - They both were barren until God intervened (**Genesis 11:30; 25:21**).
 - As we shall notice with examples from Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel, and many examples all the way even to Mary, the mother of Jesus, God is the giver of life (**Psalms 127:3** and **Jeremiah 1:5**)!
13. What division existed in Isaac's home?
 - Isaac loved Esau while Rebekah loved Jacob (**Genesis 25:28**).
14. What did Esau sell Jacob and why did he sell it to him?
 - He sold his birthright so that he may have food to live (**Genesis 25:29-34**; cf. **Hebrews 12:15-17**).
15. Why does what occurred with Isaac and Abimelech sound familiar?
 - Because Abimelech was in a similar situation with Abraham not owning up to Sarah being his wife, but telling a half truth in claiming her as his sister (**Genesis 20:2-7; 26:7-11**).
16. What did Esau do to cause grief for his mother and father?
 - He married Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Bashemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite (**Genesis 26:34-35**).
17. What did Rebekah and Jacob conspire to do to Esau, and were they successful?
 - They conspired and were successful in tricking Isaac, who was nearly blind (**Genesis 27:1**), taking away the blessing intended for Esau by pretending to be Esau (**Genesis 27:5-36**).
18. What did Esau plan as his revenge against Jacob?
 - He planned to kill him (**Genesis 27:41**).
19. Who stepped in to help keep Jacob from being killed?
 - Rebekah sent him away to Laban in Haran (**Genesis 27:42-43**).
20. What was Jacob instructed to do by his father Isaac?
 - Since Rebekah said to Isaac, "I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth: if Jacob take a wife of the daughters of Heth, such as these which are of the daughters of the land, what good shall my life do me?" Isaac told Jacob "Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan. Arise, go to Padanaram, to the house of Bethuel thy mother's father; and take thee a wife from thence of the daughters of Laban thy mother's brother. And God Almighty bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be a multitude of people; And give thee the blessing of Abraham, to thee, and to thy seed with thee; that thou mayest inherit the land wherein thou art a stranger, which God gave unto Abraham" (**Genesis 27:46-28:4**).

21. Did Jacob's dream confirm or deny that he would have the blessing of Abraham?
- **Confirmed it (Genesis 28:10-16).**
22. When do we see "tithing" come forth in Jacob's life?
- **Genesis 28:20-22; cf. Malachi 3:6-10**
23. How long did Jacob agree to work for Rachel to be his wife?
- **Seven years (Genesis 29:16-19).**
24. Was Laban honest with Jacob?
- **No, he gave him Leah instead with a promise that after seven more years he could then have Rachel (Genesis 29:21-28).**
 - **Sadly, this would set up a bad situation because of the great love Jacob had for Rachel (Genesis 29:20). Such would later be settled by the Lord (Genesis 31:7-13).**
25. What did the Lord do since Jacob loved Rachel more?
- **God shut Rachel's womb and gave children through the womb of Leah (Genesis 29:31).**
26. What do you notice about the names of the children of Jacob?
- **They are the names of the tribes of Israel (Numbers 1:5-15), except for Levi and Joseph. Levi would be the priesthood (Numbers 1:49-50) and Joseph's sons would get his share (Numbers 26:28).**
27. What plan did Rachel make to have children, prior to her womb being opened by God?
- **She gave her handmaid Bilhah to Jacob to bear children on her behalf (Genesis 30:1-5).**
28. What son did Rachel bear herself?
- **Joseph (Genesis 30:22-24).**
29. Why did Laban want Jacob to stay?
- **Because he perceived God blessed him for the sake of Jacob (Genesis 30:26-27).**
30. Did Jacob prosper under his and Laban's new arrangement?
- **Yes, (Genesis 30:43).**