

Bible Study #12
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1. Genesis 22
 - a. **Sometime later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about." 22:1-2**
 - i. We know right off the bat that this is a test... because it says so. As if to allay the fears of the reader before the action began.
 - ii. But what a test?!?
 - iii. However, this is most likely a parable explaining how the God of Abraham is different than the gods of the region who "required" child sacrifice.
 - b. **Early the next morning Abraham got up and saddled his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you." 22:3-5**
 - i. Abraham goes.
 - ii. What did he say to his wife? I'll be in a few days, make a dinner for one when I get back?
 - iii. Notice Abraham doesn't tell Sarah what he is going to do.
 - c. **Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?" "Yes, my son?" Abraham replied. "The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together. 22:6-8**
 - i. Isaac questions what is going on! Where is the lamb???
 - ii. God will provide...
 - d. **When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. 22:9-11**
 - i. Abraham obediently proceeds.
 - ii. Talk about a last minute "stay of execution!"
 - e. **"Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son." Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught**

by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. 22:12-13

- i. God did provide.
 - ii. God isn't interested in child sacrifice.
- f. The Jewish scriptures translate the next verses this way...
- i. **And Abraham named that site Adonai-yireh (Jehovah-Jireh), whence the present saying, "On the mount of the Lord there is vision." 22:14**
 - 1. Jehovah-Jireh—the Lord will see to it... the Lord sees...
 - 2. This is Mount Moriah
 - 3. The place where the temple will be built 1000 years later
 - a. The place where God's presence would be manifest on earth. A place where God will see.
 - 4. It is also the place where Jesus was crucified... the Lord will provide a lamb
 - 5. This is an important place!!!
 - ii. The promise of a nation through Abraham is repeated 22:15-18
 - iii. Then a little more genealogy 22:20-24