

ONE STORY | ONE SAVIOR - UNIT 1 | LESSON 06b

The Pentateuch – The Promise Given Through the Royal Gift Covenant

God is a PROMISE Making God

God 1) **CREATES** a place where 2) He will **MEET** with his People 3) for their **JOY**. 4) His People reject Him. 5) God binds Himself through **PROMISE (i.e. The Royal Gift Covenant)** to 6) **RESCUE** His people from their sin and 7) **RESTORE** them to Himself for their **JOY**.

ILLUSTRATION – Have your mom or dad ever asked you to do something that you thought was IMPOSSIBLE, but you trusted them so you went ahead and did it? Well, this is that kind of story. God asked Abraham that was ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE, but Abraham trusted God and went ahead and did it and the outcome was incredible.

Sacrificing Isaac (Genesis 22), <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cJUi0tkS5SQ>

Abraham Tested, KIDSHUBTV, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N5aP78z9CxU>




Superbook - The Test: Abraham And Isaac - Season 1 Episode 2 - Full Episode (Official HD Version)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UhuSolM_zZg

“The Sacrifice of Isaac”

God’s Provision Foreshadowed in a Sacrifice

Genesis 22:1-14

Genesis 22:8 “Abraham said, ‘God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering my son.’ So they went both of them together.”

	<p>THE HEAD - To Know how the Bible records the Words and Works of Jesus as the final and fullest revelation from God.</p> <p>Q – After looking at this lesson, “Has anything changed concerning your thinking?” What do you now know that you might not have known?</p>
	<p>THE HEART - To Choose the Bible as our final and fullest authority / record that is to be loved and followed.</p> <p>Q – After looking at this lesson, “How does it make you feel?” What emotional response does this truth solicit / produce in you?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For example: “²²love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control [Gal. 5:22, 23 NLT].
	<p>THE HAND - To Pray we will obey all that God has said.</p>

	Q – After looking at this lesson, “What might you begin to do differently?” Is there something because of what you know that you might need to start doing or perhaps even stop doing?
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EMPHASIS

The Promise made to Adam and his offspring would be centralized through Abraham and his offspring, the Jews.

In the offering of Isaac, God pictures the provision of the SEED PROMISE and the BLOOD PICTURE. God tells Abraham that what He asks of him, he cannot do. What God does is provide both the SEED and the BLOOD SACRIFICE.

The intent of this story is not to challenge us with personal sacrifice, but to believe God will be faithful to fulfill the SEED PROMISE and complete the BLOOD PICTURE.

The story foreshadows THE STORY. God will through personal sacrifice do for us what we cannot do for ourselves.

God will carry out His plan. He will do the impossible. Abraham trusted God to provide the means. Isaac also trusted God. They trusted because God already had proven faithful to them both. Do we believe God will do all that He has promised?

The Seed Promise will be protected by God. The blood sacrifice will be provided by God. Jesus is the Lamb of God who will take away the sins of the world (John 1:29, 36).

God pictures through shadow His faithfulness to provide the means of fulfilling the SEED PROMISE and the BLOOD PICTURE.

LITERARY CONTEXT

The preceding section (chapters 4-11) described multiple assaults against the SEED PROMISE. In this section (chapters 12-50), God pushes the Story forward by making a covenant with Abraham that the SEED PROMISE would come through his family line. This covenant is reiterated to Issac.

Chapters 1-11	Chapters 12-50
Historical	Biographical
The Four Great Events	The Four Great People
History of the Humanity [Prologue] – Setting the Stage	History of the Hebrews- The Main Event

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Isaac was born in Canaan when Abraham was 100 years old.

BIBLICAL CONTEXT

The New Testament authors identify him as one of the three patriarchs (Matt. 8:11; 22:32; Mark 12:26; Luke 20:37). He is listed in the genealogy of Jesus (Matt. 1:2; Luke 3:34). He is identified as participating in the kingdom of God (Luke 13:28). He is inextricably tied to the early development of the Seed Promise (Acts 7:8, 32). He is clearly identified as linkage in Seed Promise (Rom. 9:6-8; Gen. 21:12; Gal. 4:23; Heb. 11:18). It is clear from other passages, God could have chosen anyone, but He chose Isaac (Matt. 3:9; John 8:33).

The three patriarchs are tied to the person and work of Jesus Christ (Acts 3:13). It is clear Isaac is the promised seed and not Ishmael (Rom. 9:7, 10; Gal. 4:28). It is clear from the New Testament that Isaac is part of the Seed promise lineage (Heb. 11:9, 18).

STRUCTURE

It was not unusual for Bible characters to name places after the experiences that happened in that place. That is why Abraham named the place where he almost offered Isaac as a sacrifice "Jehovah-Jireh" (v. 14). The word means "the Lord will provide". Our God is a God of provision.

God had promised Abraham a Son (Gen. 12:1-3; 15:3-6; 17:19; 18:9-15). Isaac, whose name means "laughter" was born when Abraham was 100 and Sarah was 99. Abraham's life after the birth of Isaac was evidently spent in comparative quiet. He was a rich old man raising a young son. He had experienced many tests and trials in his lifetime, but probably now things seemed to be just fine. Then, one day, Abraham faced what was the biggest challenge of his lifetime.

Outline:

- I. **Command [Unbelievable Test]:** Abraham offer Isaac as a burnt offering (v. 2 [Command seems contrary to Promise: I will give you a son through Sarah 17:16; I will establish my covenant with Isaac 17:21]).

Notice that Abraham responded to God's call quickly because he knew the voice of God. God asks Abraham to give Him his most valued possession, which was his only son.

- II. **Compliance [Unconditional Obedience]:** The next morning Abraham started journey to Moriah with Isaac (v. 3)

For Abraham there was no argument, no stalling, or talking to Sarah. He took the wood, the servants, and Isaac. He didn't even take a lamb in case God would "change His mind".

- III. **Confidence [Unwavering Trust]:** Isaac and I will return; God will provide a sacrificial lamb (vv. 5, 8-12)

Vss. 4-5 - Notice that Abraham says "We'll be back." God had promised Abraham that he would be blessed. He believed God. Abraham believed that God would resurrect Isaac. Hebrews 11:17-19

Vss. 7-8 - Notice that Abraham trusted in the provision of God. God indeed provided a lamb for Abraham on the mountain, but he also provided Himself a lamb at Calvary.

God will take care of our needs today. We can still trust Him. Matthew 6:25-33

Vss. 9-10 Isaac's submission was admirable through all of this. Abraham's submission was even more admirable. He was willing to do what God asked, even if he ended up with a broken heart.

- IV. **Control [Unlimited Supply]:** God intervenes to spare Isaac and provides a ram for sacrifice (vv. 13-14)

What did God provide for Abraham? He provided a lamb in the thicket. If this is what God does in shadow, what might we expect in substance?

ILLUSTRATION – Have you ever been asked to give something up that you really loved? Like a toy or a piece of candy or an article of clothing? How did that make you feel? Sad, glad, happy? Well, God asked Abraham to give up something he really loved, his son Isaac. FORTUNATELY for Abraham AND Isaac, God did not permit Abraham to go through with the request and instead gave Abraham what he asked for. God made the sacrifice so that Abraham would not have to. How do you think this made Abraham AND Isaac feel? Sad, glad, happy?

JESUS IN THE TEXT

The record of Abraham's willingness to sacrifice Isaac pictures the sacrifice God the Father was willing to make by sacrificing His only begotten Son. Yet in Abraham's case, a ram was provided as a substitute. In Jesus' case, he was the substitutionary sacrifice.

"The place was 'Jehovah-jireh' indeed, for the Lord had provided Himself the lamb for the burnt-offering. The sacrifice in its outward form should not fail. Here was the Divine sanction of the method of substitution. Here was foreshadowed the ritual of Tabernacle and Temple, and, most dimly, 'the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.' Isaac need not die, but the animal must. We need not perish, but the Christ must give His flesh and blood for the life of the world. The victim was God's choice in the first instance: He was in the last. In the smoke and flames of this first sacrifice ascended not only the

tribute of a penitent and adoring soul, but also the unutterable gratitude for a life given back as from the dead.” (Reference Unknown)

APPLICATION

God’s plan is rolling forward even though its immediate route is not clear.

I am part of the winning team. God’s covenant promise to Abraham will be fulfilled in blessings among all nations. My role is to trust God, encourage my fellow members, and carry their burdens in love.

ILLUSTRATION - The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien: Bilbo Baggins leaves the comfort of his home to embark on a perilous journey with the dwarves to reclaim Erebor. His decision to join the adventure, face dragons, and battle for his friends shows the courage needed to step out of one’s comfort zone and take on difficult challenges.

VISUALS

MEMORY VERSE

Genesis 22:8

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RESOURCES