

## 11 - ABRAHAM - PART 4 (GENESIS 20:1-22:24)

### I. The Deception of Abimelech (20:1-18)

#### A. Abraham's deception (20:1-2)

- Once again Abraham has Sarah lie about being his sister, which \_\_\_\_\_.
- Because of her beauty, Abimelech, the Philistine king of Gerar, took \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **Historical Note:** Abimelech

Abimelech was a Philistine king of Gerar, which was near Gaza. He was told that Sarah was Abraham's sister and he took her as to marry her because of her beauty. He was warned by God in a dream not to touch her. After rebuking Abraham, he returned Sarah. Later he established a covenant with Abraham when their servants fought over a water well.

See: Genesis 20:2-18; 21:22,25-27,29,32

#### B. The Lord confronts Abimelech (20:3-7)

- The Lord comes to Abimelech in a dream and \_\_\_\_\_ because of Sarah.
- Abimelech pleads for his life and states that Abraham \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Lord states that he held Abimelech \_\_\_\_\_.
- He tells the king to restore Sarah so that \_\_\_\_\_.

#### C. Abimelech confronts Abraham (20:8-16)

- Abimelech rebuked Abraham and \_\_\_\_\_ as he restored Sarah.

#### D. Abraham prays (20:17-18)

- Abraham prayed for Abimelech and his family so that \_\_\_\_\_.

### II. The Birth of Isaac (21:1-21)

#### A. The birth (21:1-7)

- Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son at \_\_\_\_\_.
- Abraham named him Isaac and circumcised him on \_\_\_\_\_.
- Abraham was hundred years old when \_\_\_\_\_.
- Sarah expressed that God made her laugh by \_\_\_\_\_.

#### B. The expulsion of Ishmael (21:8-21)

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- At the celebration of Isaac's weaning, Sarah witnessed \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Cultural Note:** Weaning

To wean a child means to accustom a child to depend on other food than his mother's milk.

Culturally, the weaning of a child was deferred for as long as three years. The weaning of a child was celebrated with a feast and an offering to the Lord.

See: Genesis 21:8; 1 Samuel 1:22-24; 1 Kings 11:20; Psalm 131:2; Isaiah 11:8; 28:9; Hosea 1:8.

- At Sarah's insistence, Abraham reluctantly \_\_\_\_\_.
- Having used up their resources, Hagar and Ishmael faced \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Angel of the Lord showed her water and promised to \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Lord was with Ishmael and he dwelt in \_\_\_\_\_.

### III. The Conflict with Abimelech (21:22-34)

- Considering his kindness toward Abraham, Abimelech sought to \_\_\_\_\_.
- Abraham swore an alliance, but he also rebuked Abimelech for \_\_\_\_\_.
- Abimelech denied knowledge of the seizures and Abraham had him \_\_\_\_\_.
- The place of the well was Beersheba and Abraham called on name of the Lord, \_\_\_\_\_.

### IV. The Testing of Abraham (22:1-19)

- The Lord tested Abraham by commanding that he take Isaac and \_\_\_\_\_.
- In the morning, Abraham took his son and wood as they departed for \_\_\_\_\_.
- Isaac questioned his father about the sacrifice and Abraham stated that \_\_\_\_\_.
- On the mountain, Abraham built an altar, prepared the wood and \_\_\_\_\_.
- As Abraham prepared to slay Isaac, the Angel of Lord \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Lord acknowledged Abraham's faith and \_\_\_\_\_.
- Abraham called the place, \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Lord reaffirmed his promise to Abraham concerning \_\_\_\_\_.

### V. The News of Nahor's family (22:20-24)

- Abraham received a report that children had been born to \_\_\_\_\_.