

THE OFFERING OF ISAAC
(Genesis 22:1-24)

- I. God's COMMAND to OFFER Isaac (Gen. 22:1-2)
 - A. This was a SEVERE TEST
 - 1. To demonstrate his LOVE for God
 - 2. To demonstrate his FAITH in God
 - B. Isaac was Abraham's BELOVED SON
 - 1. Identifies ISAAC as Abraham's "ONLY son"
 - 2. First use of "LOVE" in Scripture
 - 3. Typifies the love of GOD THE FATHER for JESUS
 - a. In the RELATIONSHIP between them (Jn 17:24)
 - b. In the ANGUISH in offering the BELOVED (Matt. 3:17; Mk. 1:11; Lk. 3:22; cf. Jn 3:16)
 - C. Mount Moriah was a SIGNIFICANT PLACE (1 Chron. 21:18 with 22:1)
 - 1. All Israel's TEMPLE SACRIFICES were offered there
 - 2. JESUS was CRUCIFIED there
- II. Abraham's OBEDIENCE in OFFERING Isaac (Gen. 22:3-10)
 - A. Abraham took IMMEDIATE ACTION

- B. Isaac was a WILLING PARTICIPANT
 - 1. Isaac was OLD ENOUGH to RESIST
 - 2. Isaac CARRIED the WOOD
 - C. Abraham expressed ABSOLUTE CONFIDENCE (vv. 5, 8)
 - D. The text indicates PERFECT UNITY (vv. 6, 8)
 - E. Isaac was an OBEDIENT SACRIFICE (vv. 9-10; cf. Phil. 2:8)
- III. God's PROVISION of a SUBSTITUTE (Gen. 22:11-14)
- A. The RAM was appointed by GOD to take ISAAC'S place
 - B. Isaac was received "BACK FROM THE DEAD" (Heb. 11:17-19)
 - C. Abraham's "FEAR OF GOD" is recognized (cf. Matt. 10:37)
- IV. God's AFFIRMATION of His PROMISE (Gen. 22:15-19)
- A. God will bless ABRAHAM abundantly
 - B. His descendants will be as innumerable as SAND and STARS
 - C. They will CONQUER their ENEMIES
 - D. God will bless ALL NATIONS through Abraham
 - E. Emphasis is on the "SEED" (cf. Gal. 3:16)
- V. Postscript to Provide BACKGROUND on REBEKAH (22:20-24)