

Genesis 21 - 30

Chapter 21 The Birth of Isaac

- v. 1-3 His supernatural birth, first "Jew" born under the Covenant (Gen 11:30)
- v. 4 First Hebrew circumcised on the eighth day
- v. 12 Isaac is the Promised Seed
- v. 9-13 Ishmael received and blessed by God because of Abraham
- v. 17-21 Ishmael

Chapter 22 The Binding of Isaac is a type of Christ's Crucifixion

(see Notes)

- v. 1 The Test
- v. 2 Only Son, Mt Moriah
- v. 4 The Third Day
- v. 6 Isaac carried the wood for sacrifice.
- v. 8 God will provide Himself a lamb.
- v. 10-12 The sacrificial offering.
- v. 12 Thicket around the ram's head. Substitute sacrifice.
- v. 15-18 Cause and effect. Twice "because."

Chapter 23 The Cave of Machpelah

- v. 1 Sarah dies at 127 years old. Isaac would be 37 years old.
 - v. 3-20 The Cave is acquired for a burial place for Sarah.
- Note: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Sarah, Rebekah, and Leah are all later buried in the same Cave of Machpelah. These are considered the patriarchs and matriarchs of the Jewish people. The only one missing is Rachael, who was buried near Bethlehem here she died in childbirth with Benjamin. (Gen 49:29-33)

Chapter 24 Rebekah, the Bride of Christ and You

(see Notes)

- A. The First Jewish Wedding (Jew and Gentile)
 - B. Isaac's prophetic portrait of Jesus
 - C. Abraham (Abram = high exalted father, Abraham = father of a multitude) as a type of God the Father
 - D. Rebekah a type of the Bride of Christ.
 - E. The Holy Spirit's role is similar to the unnamed servant in seeking a bride.
- v. 2 This eldest servant in Abraham's house is more than 50 years after Gen 18:2.
- F. Customs
 1. The Willing Bride (v. 5, 8, 58)
 2. Two witnesses (v. 55-59)
 3. The Matchmaker (v. 2-66)
 4. The "betrothal token/ring" and the Bride Price (v. 53)
 5. The Veil (v. 65)
 6. The Huppah (v. 67)
 7. The Seven Blessings (v. 60)

G. Characteristics of a good Jewish wife.

Note: The rabbis identify three critical characteristics for all wives, from this passage and others, about Rebekah. She demonstrated compassion for the servant and his camels, modesty/ humility in her dealings with the servant and kindness/ hospitality in all of her interaction with him.

Chapter 25 Recap Chapter

- v. 1-2 Abraham marries Keturah (is she actually Hagar?)
- v. 2 Midian born to Keturah later called Ishmaelites in Gen 37:27-28
- v. 7 Abraham lived 175 years, and 15 years after Jacob and Esau were born.
- v. 9 Buried in Cave of Machpelah
- v.12 The Generations of Ishmael
- v. 15 Ishmael's son Tema (see Gen. 36:11 and Job 2:11)
- v. 19 The Generations of Isaac
- v. 20 Isaac was 40 when he married Rebekah and Abraham was 140.
- v. 21 & 26 Rebekah was barren for 20 years
- v. 22-23 Prophecy from Yahweh over Jacob and Esau's destiny
- v. 31-34 Esau sold his birthright to Jacob (he became "profane," Heb 12:16-17)

Chapter 26 The Life of Isaac

- v. 1 Abimelech now meets Isaac's "sister"
- v. 2-5 Yahweh continues the Blessings of Abraham through Isaac.
- v. 24 Yahweh appears to Isaac.

Chapter 27 Jacob Gets The Blessing

- v. 1-4 Isaac is 137 and thinks he is about to die. Lives to be 180 years old.
- v. 6, 8, 13-17 Rebekah initiates and directs Jacob's deception. (Gen 25:23, 25:34)
- v. 27-29 The Blessing of Abraham goes to Isaac then to Jacob.
- v. 41-46 Rebekah sends Jacob away to escape Esau and find a wife.

Chapter 28 Jacob's Ladder Dream at Bethel

- v. 10-22 Jacob's prophetic vision of Jesus as a Ladder to Heaven.

Gen 28:12 And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.

John 1:51 Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man. KJV

Jesus uses very specific language connecting Himself to Jacob's Ladder. Heaven and earth have been separated by sin.

Jesus talks about an open heaven, where mankind has access.
Jesus says that He is the connection between earth and heaven.
The Ministry of Angels - ascending and descending on Jesus.
Uninterrupted fellowship with God in heaven and His people upon earth.

Gen 28:17 And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is **this place!** This is none other but the **house of God**, and this is **the gate of heaven**.

"The Place" of Jacob's Ladder is a mediator between God and Man
Jesus is the only Mediator and the Gate of Heaven.

1 Tim 2:5 For there is one God, and **one mediator between God and men**, the man Christ **Jesus**;

Matt 7:13 Enter ye in at the strait **gate**: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: 14 Because strait is the **gate**, and **narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life**, and few there be that find it.

(See Jacob's Pillow in notes)

Chapter 29 Rachel at the Well and Leah

v. 1-10 Jacob finds Rachael at a well, just like Abraham's servant found Rebekah

v. 21-25 Jacob wakes up with Leah

Bridal Customs

1. The Bride Price for each is seven years of labor
2. Groom removes the bride's Veil
3. Seven day wedding feast. (Gen. 29:27-28)

v. 32 Reuben, son #1 born to Leah

v. 33 Simeon, son #2 born to Leah

v. 34 Levi, son #3 born to Leah

v. 35 Judah, son #4 born to Leah (note: Jesus descended from Leah)

Chapter 30 More Tribes of Israel Born

v. 6 Dan, son #5 born to Bilhah (note: Jacob married her too. Gen 30:4)

v. 8 Naphtali, son #6 born to Bilhah

v. 11 Gad, son #7 born to Zilpah (note: Jacob married her too. Gen 30:9)

v. 13 Asher, son #8 born to Zilpah

v. 18. Issachar, son #9 born to Leah

v. 20 Zebulun, son #10 born to Leah

v. 21 Dinah, daughter born to Leah (see Genesis 34)

v. 24 Joseph, son #11 born to Rachel (she had Benjamin, son #12, in Gen 35:18)

v. 25-43 The streaked and spotted cattle (Heavenly plan, see Gen 31:10 dream)

The Bride of Christ, Isaac and Rebekah

Gen 22, The Binding of Isaac is a Type of Christ's Crucifixion.

- Abraham is a type of God the Father. “Abram” means “high, exalted father.” “Abraham” means “father of a multitude.”
- Isaac is a type of Jesus.
- Abraham took Isaac to Mt. Moriah for the sacrifice. (Gen 22:2)
- Jesus was sacrificed on Mt. Moriah. (2 Chron 3:1)
- Abraham saw the place of sacrifice on the third day. (Gen 22:4)
- After being sacrificed, Jesus was raised on the third day.
- Abraham said he and his son would return after the sacrifice. (Gen 22:5)
- Jesus promised He would return after His perfect sacrifice.
- Abraham put the wood of the sacrifice on Isaac. (Gen 22:6)
- Jesus carried the wooden cross for His own sacrifice.
- Abraham said, “God will provide Himself a lamb.” (Gen 22:8)
- Jesus is “The Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.” (John 1:29)
- The actual sacrifice was caught by his head in a thicket of thorns. (Gen 22:13)
- Jesus was made to wear a crown of thorns as he was sacrificed. (Matt 27:29)
- God provided the substitution for the sacrifice of Isaac. (Gen 22:13)
- God provided Jesus as a substitute sacrificed for mankind. (Rom 5:15, Is 53:5)

Jesus was both, the Son of God and the son of Abraham.

Genesis 24 Rebekah, the Bride of Christ and YOU

- Abraham is a type of God the Father.
- Isaac is a type of Jesus Christ.
- Abraham’s unnamed servant is a type of the Holy Spirit.
- Rebekah is a type of the Bride of Christ and YOU.
- Rebekah is a Gentile and Isaac is a Jew.
- The servant is sent to seek a bride for Isaac.
- The Holy Spirit has gone into all the world to draw men to Christ as His Bride.
- He is sent to seek a bride for Isaac, not for himself.
- The Holy Spirit only draws men to Jesus, not Himself.
- The servant is told, take a bride from among Abraham's family. (Gen 24:4)
- **[?]he** Holy Spirit seeks the Bride of Christ only from the family of the redeemed.
- Rebekah first must be tested. (Gen 24:14)
- Each Christian will be tested many times before they enter eternity.
- Rebekah was *willing* to go with the servant to become Isaac’s wife. (Gen 24:58)
- Like Rebekah, each person must make be *willing* to become the Bride of Christ.
- She had to follow the Servant on a journey to Isaac.
- As Christians, we must follow the Lord Holy Spirit on a journey through life.
- Rebekah entered the tent of Isaac’s mother and became his wife. (Gen 24:67)
- Ultimately, Christians will live with Jesus forever in the house of His Father.

“Jacob’s Pillow/Bethel” and “The Stone of Destiny”

Gen 28:11 So he came to a certain place and stayed there all night, because the sun had set. And he took one of the stones of that place and put it at his head, and he lay down in that place to sleep. ..18 Then Jacob rose early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put at his head, set it up as a pillar, and poured oil on top of it. 19 And he called the name of that place Bethel; but the name of that city had been Luz previously. 20 Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me, and keep me in this way that I am going, and give me bread to eat and clothing to put on, 21 so that I come back to my father's house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God. 22 And this stone which I have set as a pillar shall be God's house, and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You." KJV

Gen 35:11 Also God said to him: “I am God Almighty. Be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall proceed from you, and kings shall come from your body. 12 The land which I gave Abraham and Isaac I give to you; and to your descendants after you I give this land." 13 Then God went up from him in the place where He talked with him. 14 So Jacob set up a pillar in the place where He talked with him, a pillar of stone; and he poured a drink offering on it, and he poured oil on it. 15 And Jacob called the name of the place where God spoke with him, Bethel. KJV

Gen 49:10 The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor a lawgiver from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes. KJV

Gen 49:24 But his bow remained in strength, And the arms of his hands were made strong. By the hands of the Mighty God of Jacob, from there is the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel. KJV

2 Ki 23:3 And the king stood by a pillar, and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD,..4 And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and the keepers of the door, to bring forth out of the temple of the LORD all the vessels that were made for Baal, and for the grove, and for all the host of heaven: and he burned them without Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and carried the ashes of them unto Bethel. KJV

Ps 118:22 The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. KJV

Matt 21:42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. KJV

1 Cor 10:5 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. KJV