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# Abraham's Ultimate Theology of the Cross

## **Genesis 22**

### Genesis 22:1-4

- 1 God tested Abraham- elsewhere, the verb can mean “tempt” but that does not fit the context  
2 a FOUR-fold description of Isaac, going beyond the normal oral history technique for emphasis  
Moriah- this is where Jerusalem and the Temple would later be built  
Burnt offering- though common in Canaan, this would go against God’s promise in 21:12  
“of which I shall tell you.”- God has the mountain all picked out, for Isaac and for Jesus  
3 young men- the servants

### Genesis 22:5-8

- 5 “worship and come again to you”- Abraham believes that his son will come back with him!  
6 “took the wood... laid it on Isaac his son”- Isaac is old and strong enough to carry a heavy amount  
of wood. Put on your Typology Caps- who does this typify?  
7 “where is the lamb for a burnt offering?”- Isaac analyzed the situation & knows something’s awry  
8 “God will provide for himself the lamb”- fulfilled first by the ram, ultimately by Jesus Christ

### Genesis 22:9-14

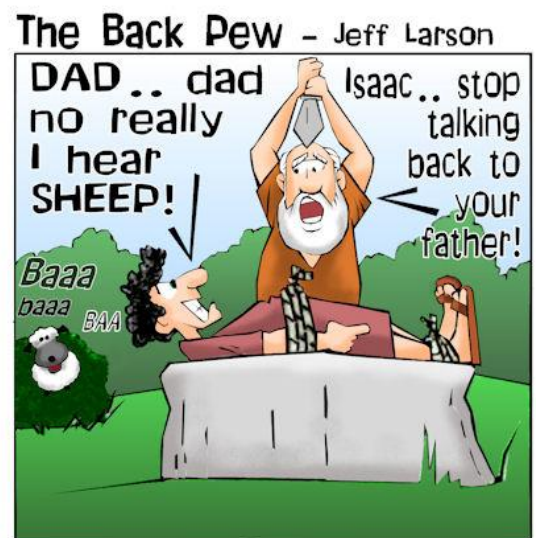
- 9 Abraham built the altar- he does this a lot (12:7; 12:8; 13:18; and 22:9)  
“bound Isaac his son”- often overlooked is that Isaac is a willing participant in this (Jn 10:17-18)  
10 “to slaughter his son”- he would slit the throat, drain the blood, and then burn the sacrifice  
11 “the angel of YHWH”- the pre-incarnate Christ, the Word (Logos) brings God’s Word  
12 “you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me”- Abraham’s intentions were to sacrifice  
his son to God. Here also we see the Angel of YHWH, speaking as God himself.  
13 “lifted up his eyes”- last time was as God revealed the mountain, now He reveals the ram  
14 “YHWH will provide”- ESV notes- “or *will see*”  
“as it is said to this day, ‘On the mount of YHWH it shall be provided’”- up to Moses and beyond

Hebrews 11:17-19- The resurrection implications are phenomenal!

### Genesis 22:15-24

- 16 another interchangeable “Angel of YHWH” and “YHWH”  
17 Once more Abraham receives the promise  
“and your offspring shall possess the gate of his  
enemies”- Matthew 16:18 & Revelation 1:18  
18 “because you listened to my voice”- the verb is NOT  
“obey” it is “hear.”

TLSB- righteousness was credited through Faith (15:6), now  
Abraham’s obedience is an external sign of that same true faith  
20-24 These verses serve to set up the narrative for Gen 24:1-67



Abraham and Isaac... On their unconventional 'Father & Son' outing. **Genesis 22:1-14**

# **Abraham Gains Land Through Sarah's Death**

## **Genesis 23**

### **Genesis 23:1-9**

- 1 Abraham was 137 when Sarah died, Isaac was 37  
4 Abraham owns no land as he is a foreigner and sojourner  
6 "you are a prince of God among us"- he is a prophet (20:7), a prince, and a follower of YHWH  
8 Ephron the son of Zohar- the leader of a city (v10)  
9 "let him give it to me in your presence"- witnesses were needed for this transaction

### **Genesis 23:10-16**

- 11 Ephron offers it for free use, but not for property and ownership  
13 Abraham is haggling and insisting that he purchase and own the land.  
15 Ephron still wants to give free use without forfeiting ownership, it seems like a generous offer, but 400 shekels is gouging the price for any field, and Abraham pays it (v16)

### **Genesis 23:17-20**

- 17 "field with the cave... all the trees...throughout its whole area"- the legal contract had to include everything that was exchanged in the deal  
19 Sarah is buried in the cave. Also buried there are Abraham, Isaac, Rebekah, Jacob & Leah  
20 "made over to Abraham as property" why is this a big deal?

### **"A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth" (LSB 438)**

A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth,  
The guilt of sinners bearing  
And, laden with the sins of earth,  
None else the burden sharing;  
Goes patient on, grows weak and faint,  
To slaughter led with out complaint,  
That spotless life to offer,  
He bears stripes, the wounds, the lies,  
The mockery, and yet replies,  
"All this I gladly suffer."

This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend,  
The Lamb of God, our Savior,  
Whom God the Father chose to send  
To gain for us His favor.  
"Go forth, My Son," the Father Said,  
"And free My children from their dread  
Of guilt and condemnation.  
The wrath and stripes are hard to bear,  
But by Your passion they will share  
The fruit of Your salvation."

"Yes, Father, yes, most willingly  
I'll bear what You command Me.  
My will conforms to Your decree,  
I'll do what You have asked me."  
O wondrous Love, what have You done!  
The Father offers up His Son,  
Desiring our salvation.  
O Love, how strong You are to save!  
You lay the One in to the grave  
Who built the earth's foundation.

Lord, when Your glory I shall see  
And taste Your kingdom's pleasure,  
Your blood my royal robe shall be,  
My joy beyond all measure!  
When I appear before Your throne,  
Your righteousness shall be my crown;  
With these I need not hide me.  
And there, in garments richly wrought,  
As Your own bride shall we be brought  
To stand in joy beside You