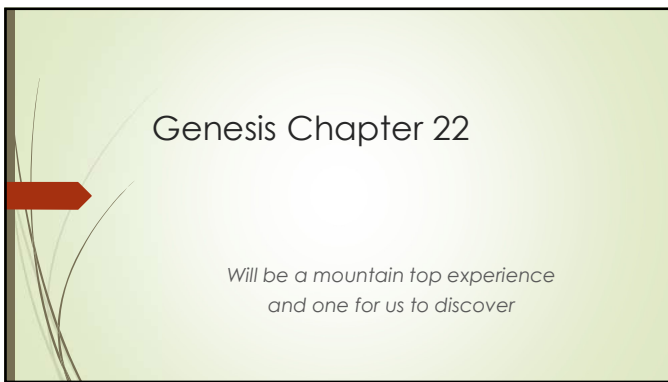
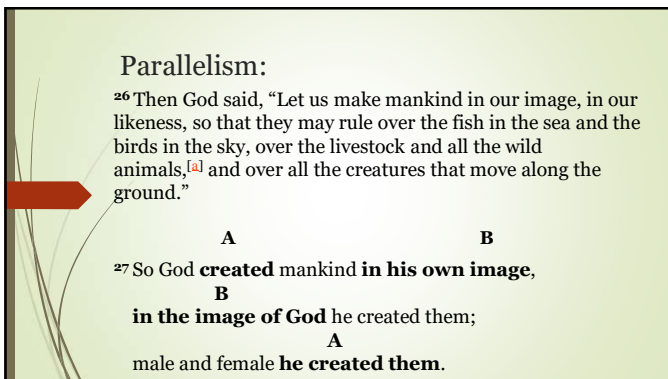


Issacs has been born
 It is through him the Plan of Salvation will evolve



Genesis Chapter 22
 Will be a mountain top experience
 and one for us to discover



Parallelism:
²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals,^[a] and over all the creatures that move along the ground."
 A B
²⁷ So God **created** mankind **in his own image**,
 B
in the image of God he created them;
 A
 male and female **he created them**.

Introduction of:

Literary Gap:

Is the information between verses we will need to discern. As we read we affirm or challenge what we had discerned to be taking place in the gap of time.

So lets go to Mountain Top
Back in Genesis

Genesis Chapter 22

Abraham Tested

22 Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!"

"Here I am," he replied.

² Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you."

**The Plan of Salvation lives through Issacs –
What's up?**

To understand the Bible you need to understand the World (the culture) to which it is written

- Patriarchal
- Monarchical
- Polytheistic
- Slaveholding

Polytheistic Culture

- Every God in ancient times required sacrifices
 - Grain Offering
 - Animal
- Human Sacrifice - rare
- You gave your very best
- Perfect without blemish

Abraham Tested

3 Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac

He's going to do it!

Literary Gap

Between the evening and morning.

What happened? Why would Abraham agree?

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Reflect

- How much wood does it take to sacrifice a human
- How old is Abraham?
- What is Sarah and Isaac thinking?

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4 On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. 5 He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you."

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"Yes, my son?" Abraham replied.

"The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"

⁸ Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.

"God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son."

Hebrew Bible or Tanakh, were originally written without any punctuation marks.

The original Hebrew (and Aramaic) manuscripts were written without vowels and without punctuation.

“God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering my son.”


There is no inflection of the Hebrew words used to express the comma

⁹ When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!”


“Here I am,” he replied.

¹² “Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.”





¹³ Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram^[a] caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."

¹⁵ The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time ¹⁶ and said, "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore.


our descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, ¹⁸ and through your offspring^[b] all nations on earth will be blessed,^[c] because you have obeyed me."

¹⁹ Then Abraham returned to his servants, and they set off together for Beersheba. And Abraham stayed in Beersheba.

God reaffirms the Covenant


What do we make of this story

Why would God do this?

In this story God radically differentiates Himself from other God in polytheistic cultures

- We will have sacrifices
 - Leviticus Chapters 1 - 6
- Abraham has demonstrated his obedience to God – *I know you fear God*
- Judaism is born when the Ram appeared in the thicket
 - Rosh Hashanah – Jewish New Year
 - Begins with the blowing of the Rams horn (recalling the Ram caught in the thicket)

Can we go further?

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Referred to: “your only son” verse 2
 “your son, your only son” verse 12
 “withheld your son, your only son” verse 16

2 Chronicles 3 NIV

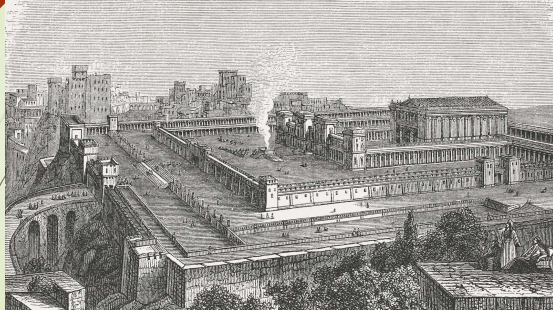
Solomon Builds the Temple

3 Then Solomon began to build the temple of the LORD in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where the LORD had appeared to his father David. It was on the threshing floor of Araunah^[a] the Jebusite, the place provided by David. **4** He began building on the second day of the second month in the fourth year of his reign.

- Solomon Temple – dedicated 977 BCE, destroyed in 586 BCE
- 2nd Temple rebuilt and dedicated in 516 BCE, and destroyed in 70 AD
- Dome of the Rock built between 685 and 691 AD



I Kings 8:54-66: Dedicating Solomon's Temple





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➤ How does Abraham come to terms overnight with “Sacrifice [your son] there as a burnt offering”?

Galatians 3 NIV

Faith or Works of the Law

⁷ Understand, then, that those who have faith are children of Abraham. ⁸ Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: "All nations will be blessed through you."^[a] ⁹ So those who rely on faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

- 1) Genesis 12:2 "And the Lord said to Abram: 'Leave your country, and your birthplace, and your father's house, and go to the land that I will show you.'"
 - 2) Genesis 12:7 "And the Lord appeared to Abram, and said: "To your seed I will give this land"; and he built there an altar unto the Lord, who had appeared to him."
 - 3) Genesis 13:14-15 "And the Lord said to Abram, after Lot had left him: 'Lift up your eyes, and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward; for all the land which you see, to you I will give it, and to your seed forever.'

- 4) Genesis 15:7 "And He said unto him: 'I am the Lord, who brought you out of Ur of the Chasdim, to give you this land to inherit it.' "
- 5) Genesis 15:18 "In that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your seed I have given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates.' "
- 6) Genesis 17:1 "And when Abram was ninety nine years old, the Lord appeared to him, and said unto him: 'I am God Almighty; walk before Me, and be wholehearted.'
- 7) Genesis 22:1 "Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!"

Backup from Galatians through 2nd
Corinthians to 1 Corinthians

1 Corinthians 15 NIV

The Resurrection of Christ

15 Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ² By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance^[a]:

1. that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,
2. ⁴ that he was buried,
3. that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas,^[b] and then to the Twelve. ⁶ After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸ and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

12 But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? **13** If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. **14** And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. **15** More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. **16** For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either.

17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. **18** Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. **19** If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

20 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. **21** For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. **22** For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. **23** But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.

Turn to Hebrews 11

The great catalog of the Hebrews of faith

Hebrews 11 NIV

Faith in Action

11 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. **2** This is what the ancients were commended for.

3 By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

4 By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.

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5 By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: "He could not be found, because God had taken him away."^[a] For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. **6** And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

7 By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.

8 By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. **9** By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. **10** For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. **11** And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she^[a] considered him faithful who had made the promise. **12** And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

13 All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. **14** People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. **15** If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. **16** Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

17 By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, **18** even though God had said to him, “It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.”²¹ **19** Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death.

20 By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau in regard to their future.

21 By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of Joseph’s sons, and worshiped as he leaned on the top of his staff.

We initially fill the gap with our own assumptions

In time we are able to accurately fill the gap when we study

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God provides the sacrifice
What is the greatest sacrifice one can offer?

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How old is Isaac?
Genesis 22:20

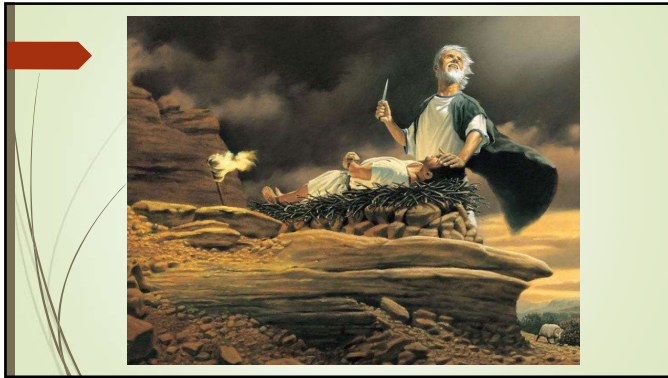
Genesis 23 NIV

The Death of Sarah

23 Sarah lived to be a hundred and twenty-seven years old. **2** She died at Kiriath Arba (that is, Hebron) in the land of Canaan, and Abraham went to mourn for Sarah and to weep over her.

Isaac is 37 years old at her death

How many years between her death and his age on the altar?



²⁰ Some time later Abraham was told, "Milkah is also a mother; she has borne sons to your brother Nahor: ²¹ Uz the firstborn, Buz his brother, Kemuel (the father of Aram), ²² Kesed, Hazo, Pildash, Jidlaph and Bethuel." ²³ Bethuel became the father of Rebekah. Milkah bore these eight sons to Abraham's brother Nahor. ²⁴ His concubine, whose name was Reumah, also had sons: Tebah, Gaham, Tahash and Maakah.

God provided the sacrifice

What is the greatest sacrifice one can offer?

"his one and only son"
His only Begotten Son
