

# ONE in the word

“Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: **and they are they which testify of me** (Jesus).” (John 5:39)

## January 11

**TODAY’S READING:** Genesis 22-24

**OVERVIEW:** Abraham’s willingness to offer his only son, Isaac; God’s reaffirmation of His covenant with Abraham; Sarah’s death; Isaac’s marriage to Rebekah.

**HIGHLIGHTS & INSIGHTS:** Genesis 22 is one of the greatest chapters of the entire Bible. It lifts the curtain for the dress rehearsal of Calvary. In this chapter, God takes out His Divine brush, and paints an unbelievably beautiful picture of the offering of His only begotten Son.

Note the incredible similarities:

← Isaac’s birth was prophesied: Genesis 18:10 “**Sarah** thy wife shall **have a son**.”

Christ’s birth was prophesied: Isaiah 7:14 “Behold a **virgin** shall conceive and **bear a son**.”

← Isaac’s birthday was preset: Genesis 21:2 says that Isaac was born “at the **set time** of which God had spoken to Abraham.”

Jesus’ birthday was preset: Galatians 4:4 says, “But when the **fullness of time** was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman.”

← Isaac received his name before his birth: Genesis 17:19 says that God told Abraham, “Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son... and **thou shalt call his name Isaac**.”

Jesus received His name before His birth: Matthew 1:21 says that God told Joseph, “And she (Mary) shall bring forth a son, and **thou shalt call his name Jesus**.”

← Isaac was **conceived by a miracle**: Genesis 18:11-14

Jesus was **conceived by a miracle**: Luke 1:34-37

← Isaac was the **only begotten son of his father**: Genesis 22:2; Hebrews 11:17

Jesus was the **only begotten Son of His Father**: John 3:16

- ← There was a particular place God had in mind for Abraham to offer his son. Genesis 22:2 says that it was on one of the mountains in the land of Moriah. Moriah means “chosen by Jehovah.” The passage does not tell us which mountain, but we’ve already seen enough of the picture to know which mountain in particular “Jehovah had chosen!” Genesis 22:3 says, “And Abraham... and Isaac his son... went unto **the place** of which God had told him.”

Luke 23:33 says, “And when they were come to **the place**, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him.”

- ← Isaac **raised from the dead**, figuratively, after three days: Genesis 22:3-4; Hebrews 11:19

Jesus, of course, **rose from the dead**, literally, after three days: 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:3-4

- ← Isaac walks to the place of sacrifice the Lord had shown his father, **carrying the wood that was to be used for his own execution**: Genesis 22:5-6

Jesus walked to the place of sacrifice shown Him of His Father, **carrying the wood that was to be used for His own execution**: John 19:17 “And he (Jesus), bearing his cross went forth into a place... which is called... Golgotha.”

Know that the instrument of sacrifice didn’t fall upon Isaac in Genesis 22:9-14 because he was just the picture! One day, 1900 years later, it would fall on the Lord Jesus Christ. Check out the answer Abraham gives his son in verse 8, to the question he asked about where was the lamb to be offered as the sacrifice for sin in verse 7: “Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering (sacrifice for sin).” There was the immediate fulfillment in the ram caught in the thicket in verse 13 (i.e. a male lamb wearing a crown of thorns!) but there is a prophetic fulfillment as well! Notice that Abraham did not say, “God will provide a lamb for himself.” He distinctly said, “God will provide himself a lamb”! Of course, Jesus was the fulfillment of the picture. John said, “Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.” (John 1:29)

As you stand in awe of God and His incredible, supernatural word, keep this in mind: If ever there was a promise that God might have reneged on (an obvious impossibility); if there was a promise that God might have changed His mind about, it would have been this one! If He kept this one, we can rest assured that He is going to keep all of the other ones. Paul put it this **way in** Romans 8:32, “He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?”

### **CHRIST IS REVEALED:**

- In ISAAC’S WILLINGNESS TO BE OFFERED: Genesis 22:1-14 (John 3:16; Luke 23:33; Hebrews 11:19; John 1:29)

□ In ISAAC'S RELATIONSHIP TO HIS BRIDE: Genesis 24

*Note: In Genesis 24, Abraham (already seen as a picture of God the Father) sends out his unnamed servant (which is a picture of the Holy Spirit, who is not come to glorify his own name, John 16:13-14) to find a bride for his only begotten son. The servant returns with a Gentile bride (a picture of the church) who comes into the tent of Sarah (a picture of the nation of Israel) after she died.*