

AdSS8- The birth of Isaac

(1) Abraham's lie to Abimelech, King of Gerar. (Gen 20)

(2) Spiritual Lesson:

(a) Abraham lied the same lie again.

(b) God came to the rescue and delivered Sarah back to Abraham.

(c) Do we sin the same sin time and again?

(3) One year after the LORD and the 2 angels visited Abraham, Sarah bore Abraham a son.(Gen 21:2)

(4) Abraham was 100 years old and Sarah 90 years old when Isaac was born.



Source: <https://reasonsforhopejesus.com/the-birth-of-isaac-the-son-of-the-promise/>

(5) Sarah saw Ishmael mocking. (Gen 21:9)

(6) Sarah told Abraham to get rid of Hagar and Ishmael. (Gen 21:10)

(7) Abraham sent Hagar and Ishmael away. (Gen 21:14)

(8) Hagar and her son wandered in the desert of Beersheba. (Gen 21:14)



(9) Hagar and Ishmael almost died in the heat in the desert.

(10) An angel appeared to Hagar. (Gen21:17)

(11) Angel said that Ishmael would be a great nation. (Gen 21:18)

(12) God also said to Abraham that He would make Ishmael a great nation. (Gen 21:13)

(13) Video: 2:42:00-2:47:13

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(Source: The Bible Stories, Abraham
By Lube Production)

(14) Recap:

- (a) The parting between Abraham and Ishmael and Hagar must have been heart-breaking. Ishmael was the elder son of Abraham.
- (b) Traditionally, the descendants of Ishmael are today's Arab states. There are conflicts between the Arab states and Israel.



*In the Abrahamic religious traditions, the **Ishmaelites** (Hebrew: יִשְׁמָעֵלִים *Yīšmə'ē'līm*; Arabic: بني إسماعيل *Bani Isma'il*, "sons/children of Ishmael") were a tribal confederation of Iron Age Semitic-speaking tribes of the ancient Near East, which inhabited a part of the Arab world. --
-Wikipedia-*

(15) Spiritual Lesson:

- (a) Some of our disobedience or sin may have repercussions in the future.
- (b) Adultery and broken family.
- (c) Failure to teach God's Word to our children.



(16) God tested Abraham and required Abraham to sacrifice Isaac. (Gen 22:1-2)

(17) Abraham brought Isaac to Mt Moriah, bound him and laid him on the altar. (Gen 22:9)

(18) Abraham was about to slay his son with a knife when the angel of the LORD called to stop him. The angel told Abraham that God was testing Abraham's faith. He was not to harm Isaac. (Gen 22:12)



Source: <https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q64538384>

(19) Abraham reasoned that God would raise Isaac from the dead. (Heb 11:17-19)

(20) God honoured Abraham for not withholding Isaac from sacrifice. (Gen 22:16-18)

(21) Video: 2:56:05-3:05:48

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(22) Spiritual Lesson:

- (a) Abraham's amazing faith in carrying out the sacrifice.
- (b) How would we react if it were us? What or who is your 'Isaac'?
- (c) God does not test us beyond what we can bear. (1 Cor 10:13)



(a) The 2 lies and the faith of sending Ishmael away and the sacrifice of Isaac.

(b) The Ups and Downs in Abraham's faith:

- Ups
 - Journey from Haran to Canaan.
 - Trusting God in sending Hagar and Ishmael away.
 - Trusting God in sacrificing Isaac.
- Downs
 - Telling a lie to Pharaoh in Egypt.
 - Telling a lie to Abimelech in Gerar.
 - Having a son through Hagar.

- (a) Our faith also has its ups and downs. Fear and anxiety can drive us towards or away from God.
- (b) In the face of challenges in life, we must look to God for deliverance. Remember how God has been faithful in delivering you in the past. Trust God to deliver you again. Put Him first in your life.

