

Lesson Three – Genesis 18-20 (Isaac’s Birth Announced; Lot & Sodom; Abimelech)

Chapter 18 – Isaac’s Coming Birth Announced; Abraham Intercedes for Lot

1. Read vv. 1-8. Who does it say appeared to Abraham? Note: **LORD** all caps. In what form does this One appear to Abraham? Note: Abraham addresses one of the three as “**Lord**” (lower case). For the custom of “Bedouin hospitality” see Gen. 19:1-3; 24:31-33; Judges 19:14-21
2. Read vv. 9-15. The promised son is confirmed by whom? What points are made regarding Sarah? What was Sarah’s reaction? What is Yahweh’s reaction to Sarah’s laughter?
3. Read vv. 16-21. What is Yahweh’s concern in these verses? What does he say about Abraham? What does He announce to Abraham?
4. Read vv. 22-33. Two men go toward Sodom; Abraham stands before the other one. The two are who (see 19:1)? Abraham is standing before Who? Abraham voices what concern? What is Abraham certain God will do? Abraham refers to Him as what? What does Abraham refer to himself as? Thought Question: Consider this “strange” bartering – 50, 45, 40, 30, 20, 10. Why not just ask God to spare Lot?

Chapter 19 – God Rescues Lot & Destroys Sodom and Gomorrah; Lot & His Daughters

5. Read vv. 1-22. Note Lot's hospitality toward the two angels. How would the men of Sodom treat them? What do the angels announce to Lot? What do they command Lot to do? What action do the angels take to save Lot and his family?

6. Read vv. 23-29. What happens to Sodom & Gomorrah? What happens to Lot's wife? Why? – consider an earlier verse. For what reason does the text say Lot was saved?

7. Why do you think Lot would be afraid to continue to dwell in Zoar? What plan do the daughters of Lot hatch and why? The offspring of Lot's daughters become the fathers of what nations? Does this work for good or bad in regard to the history of the Israelites?

Chapter 20 – Abraham & Abimelech

8. Once again, the "beauty" of Sarah leads Abraham to do what? What does God tell Abimelech in a dream? How does Abimelech defend his actions? Even though Abimelech was "innocent" in motive, was he still guilty before God?

9. Abimelech upbraids Abraham. What vital points does he make to Abraham? What is Abraham's excuse for doing this? Think: God has already told Abraham what in Gen. 15:1? Abraham should have depended on Who instead of what?

10. God calls Abraham a "what" in this chapter? He tells Abimelech that Abraham will do what for him?