

Lesson 13 – Isaac, the Son of Promise

Searching the Scriptures (Genesis 23-25)

1. Death of his mother, Sarah (Genesis 23)
 - 1) Isaac was 37 years old when Sarah died. (23:1-2)
 - 2) His father Abraham purchased a cave for a family cemetery. (23:3-20)
 - 3) Isaac grieved for a lengthy time after the death of his mother. (24:67)
2. Finding a bride for Isaac (Genesis 24)
 - 1) Abraham was involved in seeking a bride for his son. (24:1)
 - 2) Isaac did not go to the pagan Canaanites to find a wife. (24:2-3)
 - 3) Rebecca was a woman of purity and godly character, not just beauty. (24:15-28)
 - 4) This account has an application for New Testament saints.
 - God the Father sent the Holy Spirit to seek a bride for His Son.
3. Death of his father, Abraham (Genesis 25)
 - 1) Abraham married a second wife, Keturah, late in life. (25:1)
 - 2) Abraham had six other sons through Keturah. (25:2-4)
 - 3) Abraham gave everything to Isaac as his only heir. (25:5)
 - 4) Ishmael and the sons of Keturah were given gifts. (25:6)
 - Abraham's other sons dwelt primarily in the Arabian Peninsula.
 - 5) Abraham died at 175 years old. (25:7-10)
 - He died 15 years after Esau and Jacob were born. (25:7, 26)
 - 6) The LORD blessed Isaac for Abraham's sake. (25:11)
 - 7) The lineage of Ishmael is mentioned before being dropped from the record biblical record. (25:12-18) Isaac's lineage continues in the lineage of Christ.

Applying Truth to Life

1. *Young people:* are you seeking the Lord's will for your life's mate?
2. *Parents and grandparents:* 1) earnestly pray for the Lord to prepare the person He has for your children. 2) remain involved in the seeking of a life's mate. Do not give them over to the dating game philosophy.
3. Are you laying a spiritual foundation for ending life well? (25:8; Ecclesiastes 7:1-4)