

**22 Now it came to pass after these things that <sup>a</sup>God tested Abraham, and said to him, “Abraham!”**

**And he said, “Here I am.”**

**<sup>2</sup>Then He said, “Take now your son, <sup>b</sup>your only *son* Isaac, is 36 years old in the next chapter when his mother dies, but if there is only 10 years between the chapters then he is 26. Maybe it’s 15 years? Well, he’s 21 year old here. <sup>c</sup>whom you love, and go <sup>d</sup>to the land of **Moriah**, 2 Chronicles 3:1 shows us this is where Solomon builds his temple. They were in Beersheeba in the last chapter. This is 50 miles away and that is direct mileage. There are plenty of mountains. **and offer him there as a <sup>e</sup>burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.”****

**<sup>3</sup>So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup>Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off. <sup>5</sup>And Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the <sup>1</sup>lad can easily be 20 years old since perspective places this against a 125 year old father. Also, we see this regarding Benjamin in Genesis 43, that he was in his 30’s and called a **lad**.**

**and I will go yonder and worship, In Abraham’s mind, this was going to be Isaac. It was not free to worship to Abraham (or David, according to the last chapter of 2 Samuel) **and we will <sup>f</sup>come back to you.”****

**<sup>6</sup>So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and <sup>g</sup>laid it on Isaac his son; John 19:17 shows us this was Christ carrying His cross in the telescopic view. **and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together. <sup>7</sup>But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, “My father!”****

**And he said, “Here I am, my son.”**

**Then he said, “Look, the fire and the wood, but where *is* the <sup>2</sup>lamb for a burnt offering?”**

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<sup>a</sup> Deut. 8:2, 16; 1 Cor. 10:13; Heb. 11:17; [James 1:12–14; 1 Pet. 1:7]

<sup>b</sup> Gen. 22:12, 16; John 3:16; Heb. 11:17; 1 John 4:9

<sup>c</sup> John 5:20

<sup>d</sup> 2 Chr. 3:1

<sup>e</sup> Gen. 8:20; 31:54

<sup>1</sup> Or *young man*

<sup>f</sup> [Heb. 11:19]

<sup>g</sup> John 19:17

<sup>2</sup> Or *goat*

<sup>8</sup> **And Abraham said, “My son, God will provide for Himself the <sup>h</sup>lamb for a <sup>h</sup>burnt offering.” So the two of them went together.** In the Calvary perspective (Luke 24:27; 24:44), God was with His Son all the way to the cross (Isaiah 53:10). Sweet communion all the way to the noon hour on the day of death.

<sup>9</sup> **Then they came to the place** in the Christ picture, this is **God’s** good planning choosing the place and the means by which His Son would die (1 Peter 1:20). **of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and <sup>j</sup>laid him on the altar, upon the wood.** <sup>10</sup> **And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.** In the Jesus/Father perspective, God held the hammer. Isaiah 53:10-11 shows us it was the Father who “bruised [His Son].”

<sup>11</sup> **But the <sup>k</sup>Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!”**

**So he said, “Here I am.”**

<sup>12</sup> **And He said, <sup>l</sup>“Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for <sup>m</sup>now I know that you fear God, since you have not <sup>n</sup>withheld your son, your only *son*, Ishmael is in his 30’s probably so this is strange terminology, isn’t it? **from Me.**”**

### **11:17-19**

**By faith Abraham, <sup>a</sup>when he was tested, offered up Isaac,** See my commentary on Genesis (22:1-9) and see that **Abraham** is 120 years old at a very conservative estimate. If that is so, 45 years have passed. He has, according to this passage, been living **by faith** for 45 years. He didn’t have many of the spiritual aides that so many of us have today. Not every day was a grand day. He knew what sensitivity to the voice of God was, then. **and he who had received the promises** verse 13 says these did not **receive** them, he received them **by faith** because the promise is as good as the fulfillment to **Abraham**.

**offered up his only begotten son,** by burnt offering, he was supposed to die, after 45 years of waiting and watching his beloved son for over 20 years. **18 of whom it was said, <sup>b</sup>“In Isaac your seed shall be called,” 19 concluding that God <sup>c</sup>was able to raise *him* up, even from the**

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<sup>h</sup> John 1:29, 36

<sup>i</sup> Ex. 12:3–6

<sup>j</sup> [Heb. 11:17–19; James 2:21]

<sup>k</sup> Gen. 16:7–11; 21:17, 18; 31:11

<sup>l</sup> 1 Sam. 15:22

<sup>m</sup> Gen. 26:5; James 2:21, 22

<sup>n</sup> Gen. 22:2, 16; John 3:16

<sup>a</sup> James 2:21

<sup>b</sup> Rom. 9:7

<sup>c</sup> Rom. 4:17

**dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.** Here, Abraham, “by faith” took up his son before He even offered him up. **God** was going to raise up Isaac from ashes on rocks if need be.