

**Series "In The Beginning...God"**  
**"Finishing Well"**  
**Genesis 25:1-18**  
**Study-50**

**Genesis 25:1, 5-12, 17-18**

**Psalms 103:14 For He Himself knows our frame; He is mindful that we are but dust.**

We were introduced to him in **Genesis 11** as he was living in Ur of the Chaldeans. "**Father of the Faithful, The Friend of God**" now it is farewell to Abraham in **Genesis 25**

**God Identifies As The God of Abraham: Exodus 3:6**

**We Are Indebted To The Man Abraham, For The Jewish People, The Scriptures, and The Savior.**

**Thought Of Our Passage:** "All Of Mankind Is Born To Die; What Truly Matters Is Living By Faith, Which Is Pleasing To God, And Finishing Well."

- 1. Verses 1-6 Abraham's Marriage**
- 2. Verses 7-11 Abraham's Death**
- 3. Verses 12-18 Ishmael's Descendants**

**1. Verses 1-6 Abraham's Marriage:**

**Genesis 25:1 Now Context - Genesis 24** Abraham sent his servant to get a bride for Isaac, from his family Rebekah. **Genesis 24:67**

and he loved her; **1<sup>st</sup> Mention of Marital Love in The Bible.**

**Now Abraham** was 140 and Isaac was 40 when he married Rebekah. **Genesis 25:7-8** Abraham dies at 175 years old. This passage encompasses 35 years of time.

**Genesis 25:19-26 Records The Birth of Jacob and Esau:** Abraham died at 175 years of age, **Genesis 25:7 Jacob** and **Esau** were born when **Isaac** was 60, **Genesis 25:26 Jacob** and **Esau** were born 15 years prior to Abraham's death.

**Abraham took another wife**, or literally "*woman*" (**possibly 20 years after Sarah's death**) **wife**, was a concubine **6 but to the sons of his concubines**, **1 Chronicles 1:32**

**Keturah, Abraham's concubine**, had multiple concubines. **Genesis 2:24 Keturah.** Means - "*perfumed, spices, covered with incense*" her children settled in Gulf Aqaba in Arabia, in international trade including spices. Frankincense and myrrh and other aromatic substances. Wise men

## **Matthew 2:11**

**Verses 2-4 Wife Keturah's 6 Sons And 10 Grandsons: Fulfills God's promise of untold offspring: Genesis 25:2 She bore to him Midian – which produced the Midianite nation, which later became Israel's enemy Judges 6:2,3**

**Shuah – one of Job's friends Bildad the Shuhite Job 2:11**

**Genesis 13:16; 17:6**

Isaiah prophesies that in the future there would be a reunion  
**Isaiah 60:6-7**

If these descendants trust Jesus they were added to the family  
**Galatians 3:29**

**Genesis 25:5 Now Abraham gave all that he had to Isaac;** Abraham believed that the promised son and God's promise, was to come through Isaac. **Genesis 17:19**

Abraham being a picture of the Father, Isaac's son being a picture of Jesus.  
**John 3:35**

**Genesis 25:6 Abraham gave gifts while he was still living,** Abraham provided

**and sent them away from his son Isaac eastward, to the land of the east.**

## **2. Verses 7-11 Abraham's Death:**

**Genesis 25:7 one hundred and seventy-five years.**

### **Noting 5 great accomplishments:**

**1. Abraham Left Us A Clear Witness Of Salvation Through Faith:**  
**Genesis 15:6**

**Romans 4:1-4 Abraham was saved by faith, Romans 4:6-8 King David was saved by faith, Romans 4:9-12 The Gentiles were saved by faith, Romans 4:13-17 under the law it was by faith that righteousness came.**

**Romans 5:1; Ephesians 2:8-9**

**2. Abraham Leaves Us The Example Of A Faith That Works: (James 2:14-26).** Wherever Abraham went, he **Pitched His Tent;** and **Built His Altar;**

**Works Are The Essential Proof Of Faith:** James uses the account of Abraham offering up Isaac **Genesis 22** justified by works. Abraham lived by faith was proven when he offered up Isaac. **James 2:22**

**3. Abraham, Taught Us How To Walk By Faith:** Abraham had his occasional lapses of faith; but the general manner of his life evidenced faith in God's Word.

**Abraham's faith was in the promise and provision of the Lord.**  
**Hebrews 11:17-19**

**4. Abraham Gave The World The Gift Of The Jewish Nation:**  
**Knowledge of the true God** plus the **Word of God** and the **Salvation of God**.

**5. Because Of Abraham, We Have A Savior: Matthew 1:1 the son of Abraham:** Galatians 3:16, 3:26-29

**Genesis 25:8 Completeness Of Abraham's Life: Abraham breathed his last and died in a ripe old age,** 175 years of age. God had given Abraham this promise **Genesis 15:15**

**Psalms 116:15 Precious in the sight of the LORD Is the death of His godly ones.**

**Abraham never thought of his final abode being on earth. He lived for eternity. Hebrews 11:8-10**

**Satisfaction Of Abraham's Life: an old man and satisfied with life;** *"old man and full of years" indicates that life was like a good meal in which you cannot eat another bite, content and full.*

**Psalms 39:4; 90:12; 139:16**

**This speaks of not only the Quantity of life but the Quality of life.**

**and he was gathered to his people.** *"the living fellowship of the redeemed"* This is the OT equivalent to saying Abraham went to heaven.  
**Luke 16:22 Abraham's bosom;**

**Jesus called Heaven "My Father's House" John 14:1-6;**  
**2 Corinthians 5:4-6**

**Heaven Is Heaven Because Jesus Is There: Revelation 21:3-4**

**Genesis 25:9 Isaac and Ishmael buried him** funerals bring people together.

**cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, facing Mamre, Genesis 23**

Sarah's body was buried here, now Abraham now joins her in being placed there. Isaac's body would be next to be placed there, then Rebecca; bury Isaac **Genesis 35:29**

**Genesis 25:10-11 God blessed his son Isaac; Genesis 25:11-35:29** blessing of Isaac.

**and Isaac lived by Beer-lahai-roi. (Beersheba)** This was the location that God had met with Hagar and delivered her and Ismael; where Isaac meditated and met Rebekah, where Isaac will pray for Baren Rebekah.

### **3. Verses 12-18 Ishmael's Descendants:**

**Genesis 25:12 generations of Ishmael**, It was to record that God was yet again faithful to His promises: **Genesis 21:18**

**Ishmael – (Represents the flesh)** Sarah and Abraham attempting to help God out.

**Genesis 21:10**

**Verses 13–15 The 12 Sons/Princes Of Ishmael: Genesis 25:13**

**Nebaioth** – father of the Nabateans, great kingdom that lasted until Roman times. Capital City, Red Rose City of Petra in Jordan. Wonder of man's ingenuity.

**Genesis 25:15 Tema**, city later named Tema, trade city between Yemen and Syria

God promised to make Ishmael a great nation **Genesis 16:10; 21:18**

**Genesis 25:16-18** Northeast of Arabia and East of Egypt, spread across the Arabian desert, the Negev south of Israel.

**he settled in defiance of all his relatives.** Date 1999 B.C. This conflict has been going on for 4,000 years. **Genesis 16:2**

**Jesus loves all people and wants them to come to salvation.**

**1 Timothy 2:4-6**

### **Application:**

1. Believers Considering Heaven Should Do All We Can To Ensure That The Gospel And The Work Of God Continue After We Are In Heaven.
2. Abraham Left Us A Clear Witness Of Salvation Through Faith, A Faith That Works, A Walk By Faith, The Jewish Nation, And The Savior.
3. Each Person Is Given The Awesome Responsibility Of Seeking For God And Living For Him Or Choosing To Seek One's Own Pleasures And Desires.