

Genesis

Tracking Christ from the Beginning - Faithfulness and Faith

“Moses . . . he wrote about Me.” Jesus, John 5:46 (also, Luke 24:44)

Genesis 18:1-25:11, generations (toldots) of Terah (final portion), whole toldot 11:27-25:11.

Faith and Faithfulness (review)

- “God is faithful”- 1 Corinthians 1:9; 10:13; 2 Cor 1:18; fruit of the Spirit- Gal 5:22-23
- What? When? How? Why?
- Rom 4:18-25, read verses 18-24a.
 - Patience and endurance- Heb 6:11-12; 10:36-39; James 5:10-11.
 - Circumstances, visible things- 2 Cor 4:17-18; problems versus promise/word of God.
 - Strengthened by faith- first, 1) gave glory to God, 2) sure that God was able (see, also, 2 Cor 9:8; Ephesians 3:20); Heb 10:35-11:1; James 1:5-8.



*"Abraham's Oak" by Tanner, 1905
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“to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all” Rom 4:16

Summary of Events, 18:1-25:11

- **Chapter 18** – visited by angels, read 18: 10, 14; God and plural/unity (Trinity) in Genesis: **1)** “Us,” ch 1:26; 3:22; 11:7, **2)** covenant ceremony, 15: 17- “torch” and “smoking oven,” “word” already spoken, **3)** visit of “3 men/Lord”, 18:1-22 and 19:1, especially 1-5, 9-10 and 13, 17-19 [1] converses with whom?, 2) 21- “I will go down,” “I will know,” yet the other two go down, 3) “the men” departed, “the Lord” still with Abraham and only 2 arrive at Sodom in 19:1].
- **Chapter 19** – destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah (notice the struggle with Lot, 16-21; “friendship with the world is hostility toward God,” James 4:4); origin of Moab and Ammon.
- **Chapter 20** – Abraham and Abimelech. • **Chapter 21** – birth of Isaac, read 1-5; Ishmael sent away; covenant w/Abimelech, king of the Philistines (26:1). • **Chapter 22** – Abraham tested, read 16-18; “offered up Isaac,” Hebrews 11:17. • **Chapter 23** – Sarah dies at 127. • **Chapter 24** – a wife for Isaac. • **Chapter 25:1-11** – other sons of Abraham.

Testing, Trials, Suffering and Growth

- Types – 1) “tribulation, affliction” Romans 5:3; 2) “testing/tempting of faith,” James 1:2-4, 12-13; 1 Peter 1:6-7; Matt 6:13; Luke 4:13; 3) “discipline,” Heb 12:4-11.
- Growth – same end results: “perseverance, proven character,” “endurance . . . perfect (mature)” “peaceful fruit of righteousness.”
- Perspective – 2 Corinthians 4:16-18, “momentary, light” and result in “eternal weight of glory,” also, Rom 8:17-18, no comparison to the glory to come.

“ . . . let those also who suffer according to the will of God entrust their souls to a faithful Creator . . .” 1 Peter 4:19 NASB