

# 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter – Week 8

## (God Makes a Covenant – Sodom & Gomorrah – Abraham Tested)

<p><b>Day 1</b> <b>Genesis 17</b></p>	<p><b>Key Thoughts:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• God reaffirms His Covenant with Abram, and God changes His name to Abraham. The name change highlights the relationship with the One, True God, as does the change of Sarai to Sarah (17:1-8,15).</li><li>• God ordered circumcision as a physical sign of the Covenant (17:9-14).</li><li>• God affirms Sarah will bear the son promised to Abraham. Ishmael will be blessed by God, but Isaac will be the son from whom the covenant will be fulfilled (17:15-21).</li><li>• Abraham obeys God and he and all the males in his household are circumcised (17:22-27).</li></ul> <p><b>Jesus Christ:</b> Through Jesus Christ there is a spiritual circumcision of the heart (Col. 2:11-12).</p>
<p><b>Day 2</b> <b>Genesis 18</b></p>	<p><b>Key Thoughts:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Lord and two angels visit Abraham appearing as men (18:1-8).</li><li>• The Lord reaffirms the promise to Sarah that she would bear the promised child even at her advanced age (18:9-15).</li><li>• The Lord reveals His plans to visit Sodom and Gomorrah because of their sin. God knows Abraham will lead his household to follow the Lord (18:10-21).</li><li>• Abraham intercedes for the two cities asking God to spare the city if ten righteous men are found (18:22-33).</li></ul> <p><b>Jesus Christ:</b> The visitor is the Lord which is a Christophany where Jesus appeared in human form. In John 8:58, Jesus claimed He existed before Abraham. Here is supporting biblical evidence.</p>
<p><b>Day 3</b> <b>Genesis 19</b></p>	<p><b>Key Thoughts:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The wickedness of Sodom is confirmed (19:1-11).</li><li>• God tells Lot to flee from the city to avoid judgement. They are not to look back (19:12-22).</li><li>• The cities are destroyed with fire and brimstone. Lot's wife looks back and is turned into a pillar of salt (19:23-29).</li><li>• Lot and his daughters flee to live in a cave. His daughters deceive their father to bear children. Lot is never mentioned again in the Bible, but his life is a testimony to the results of bad choices.</li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Jesus Christ:</b> In Luke 10:11-12, Jesus emphasizes the responsibilities of the hearers. The disciples deliver the message; the hearers are responsible to believe.</li></ul>

<p><b>Day 4</b> <b>Genesis 20</b></p>	<p><b>Key Thoughts:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abraham repeats his failure to trust God by telling King Abimelech that Sarah was his sister. God warns the king that Sarah is not Abraham's sister, but his wife (20:1-8).</li> <li>• The king confronts Abraham and returns Sarah. In addition, Abraham's fear of man is revealed, but once again God protects Abraham and Sarah (20:9-13).</li> <li>• The king provided gifts and offers Abraham land to settle in his kingdom. Abraham prays for the king and God opened the wombs of the women in the king's household (20:14-18).</li> </ul> <p><b>Jesus Christ:</b> God protected the lineage of Jesus by protecting Sarah. He would do this on many occasions until the birth of Christ (Matt. 1:1-17).</p>
<p><b>Day 5</b> <b>Genesis 21</b></p> <p>Review "The Patriarchs" chart.</p>	<p><b>Key Thoughts:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abraham and Sarah are blessed with the promised son, Isaac (21:1-7).</li> <li>• Hagar's son, Ishmael, is seen by Sarah mocking Isaac. She demands Abraham ban Hagar and Ishmael. God tells Abraham to listen to Sarah (21:8-21).</li> <li>• King Abimelech requests a peace treaty with Abraham. A dispute over a well is settled (21:22-33).</li> </ul> <p><b>Jesus Christ:</b> The miraculous birth of Isaac is a type of Christ. Both were born to women who should have not conceived, and both were promised.</p>
<p><b>Day 6</b> <b>Genesis 22</b></p>	<p><b>Key Thoughts:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God commands Abraham to sacrifice his son, Isaac. The faith of Abraham is being tested (22:1-2).</li> <li>• Abraham and Isaac travel to Mount Moriah. Abraham is prepared to offer his son, and Isaac raises the question, "Where is the lamb?" (22:3-10).</li> <li>• Abraham believing Isaac would be the seed, and concluded God would raise him up from the dead.</li> <li>• The Angel of the Lord stops Abraham and provides a lamb. Both he and Isaac's faith are revealed (22:11-14).</li> <li>• God reaffirms His Covenant with Abraham (22:15-19).</li> <li>• The genealogy of Abraham's brother is shared, and it includes Isaac's future wife, Rebekah (22:20-24).</li> </ul> <p><b>Jesus Christ:</b> Jesus Christ fulfilled what Isaac foreshadowed, the obedience to the Father (John 10:17-18; 19:30).</p>