

Genesis 22

Verse 1-2

Now it came about after these things, that God tested Abraham, and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.”² Then He said, “Take now your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I will tell you.”

Take now your son ... and go to the land of Moriah

See Maps 2205, 2206, and 2207

Map 2205



Moriah was about 50 miles north of Beersheba

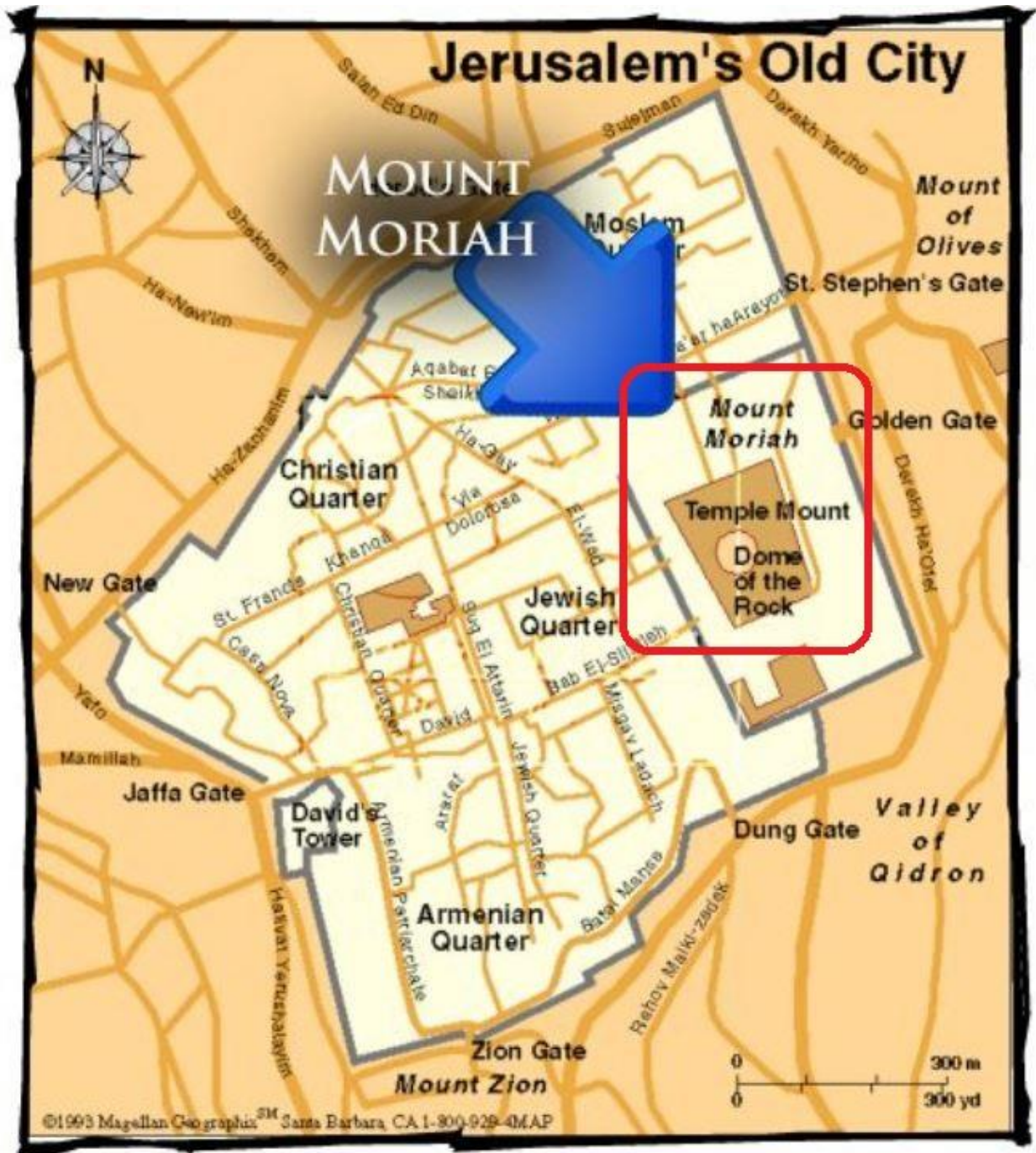
Pic 2206



Mount Moriah includes the temple mount area where Solomon built the Temple

The city of David was below the peak of Mount Moriah

See pic 2207



The temple mount is now home to the Dome of the Rock

Muslims took control of Jerusalem in 637 AD and finished the dome in 692 AD

It gets its name from the fact that it was built over the peak (the dome) of Mount Moriah

God tested Abraham

God told Abraham to sacrifice his “only” son as a sacrifice

BY this God meant their “miracle son” Isaac

This was a monumental test and it took a tremendous amount of faith

Verse 3-4

³ So Abraham got up early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; and he split wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴ On the third day Abraham raised his eyes and saw the place from a distance.

So Abraham got up early in the morning

Abraham did not delay in doing God’s will

And took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son

The two young men were probably servants

A trip like this would take at least a week and help was required

They would have also provided extra security along the way

On the third day Abraham raised his eyes and saw the place from a distance.

The 3 day trip must have included some anguish

Most people would have a hard time even thinking about doing this

But Abraham had made the trip and the purpose of the trip was close at hand

One has to admire his faith

Verse 5-6

⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey, and I and the boy will go over there; and we will worship and return to you.” ⁶ And Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together.

We will worship, and return to you

How could Abraham have spoken this to the other two men?

Because he believed that God was able to raise the dead

See Hebrews 11:17-19

Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac

How old was Isaac at the time of this event?

See chart 2210

Ch	Person	Event	Age	Year
11	Terah	Terah dies	205	1921
12	Abraham	Leaves Harran	75	1921
12	Abraham	She is my sister (1st time)	75	1921
13-14		Abraham rescues Lot		
16	Abraham	Ismael born	86	1910
17	Abraham	Circumcision	99	1897
18-19	Lot	Sodom and Gomorrah	99	1897
20	Abraham	She is my sister (2nd time)	99	1897
21	Abraham	Isaac born	100	1896
22	Abraham	Abraham Tested	120	1876
23	Sarah	Sarah dies	127	1859
24	Isaac	Marries Rebekah	40	1856
25	Isaac	Esau and Jacob born	60	1836
25	Abraham	Abraham dies	175	1821

Verse 7-8

⁷ Isaac spoke to his father Abraham and said, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” And he said, “Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?” ⁸ Abraham said, “God will provide for Himself the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” So the two of them walked on together.

Where is the lamb for the burnt offering?

The sacrifice of a lamb as a burnt-offering was a common practice

This is 430 years before the giving of the law

God will provide for himself the lamb

Abraham had been told to sacrifice his son

As we know, Abraham believed that God could raise him from the dead

But Abraham still had to kill his son with a knife for that to happen

Verse 9-10

⁹ Then they came to the place of which God had told him; and Abraham built the altar there and arranged the wood, and bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ And Abraham reached out with his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.

And Abraham built the altar there and arranged the wood, and bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.

Abraham followed the same routine he had done so many times before

Christ went through a similar experience in his sacrifice

Christ was bound and brought before the Sanhedrin and before Pilate

Jesus was also laid upon the wood at Calvary

Verse 11-12

¹¹ But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” ¹² He said, “Do not reach out your hand against the boy, and do not do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.”

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven

The angel of the Lord means God

Abraham, Abraham

Repeating his name was a dramatic way of getting his attention

Jacob, Jacob Genesis 46:2

Moses, Moses Exodus 3:4

Samuel, Samuel 1 Samuel 3:10

Saul, Saul Acts 9:5

For now I know that you fear God

We know that God already knows everything

But God tests the faith of every person that believes in him

That testing is compared to being refined through fire

Our faith will grow through these tests **if we trust in God**

If God can deliver Lot out of Sodom and Gomorrah

He can deliver us out of our own evil time

Verse 13-14

¹³ Then Abraham raised his eyes and looked, and behold, behind *him* was a ram caught in the thicket by its horns; and Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering in the place of his son. ¹⁴ And Abraham named that place The Lord Will Provide, as it is said to this day, “On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided.”

A ram caught in a thicket by its horns

A ram is a male lamb, and a ewe (yoo) is a female lamb

Both ewes and rams may and may not have horns

And Abraham named that place The Lord Will Provide

Yahweh -jireh means The Lord will provide

Verse 15-19

¹⁵ Then the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, ¹⁶ and said, “By Myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this thing and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ indeed I will greatly bless you, and I will greatly multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens and as the sand, which is on the seashore; and your seed shall possess the gate of their enemies. ¹⁸ And in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.” ¹⁹ So Abraham returned to his young men, and they got up and went together to Beersheba; and Abraham lived in Beersheba.

¹⁵ Then the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, ¹⁶ and said, “By Myself I have sworn, declares the Lord

We don't know for sure why they referred to God as the angel of the Lord

But it is used at least 6 times in the Book of Genesis

And numerous other times in various books of both the New & Old Testaments

I will multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens and as the sand which is upon the seashore

This means it will be a very large number of descendants

God was not quantifying the actual number of offspring in these comparisons

Because the number of Abraham's descendants is nowhere close to these examples

The current estimate for the number of stars in the universe is 10^{24}

That number is 1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000

The number of grains of sand on the earth is estimated at 10^{19}

A one followed by 19 zeros

And your seed shall possess the gate of his enemies

And in your seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed

This applies specifically to Christ

See Galatians 3:16

Isaac as a type of Christ

The birth of Isaac was supernatural, as was Christ's.

Both were sons of "promise."

Both were called "the only begotten son."

Both were laid "upon the wood."

Both were "offered" by their fathers.

Both "sacrifices" occurred on the same hill.

Both were "dead" three days and nights, Christ literally, Isaac in a figurative way.

Both lived again after the "offering," Christ literally, Isaac "in a figurative way."

Verses 20-24

²⁰ Now it came about after these things, that Abraham was told, saying, “Behold, Milcah also has borne children to your brother Nahor: ²¹ Uz his firstborn, Buz his brother, Kemuel (the father of Aram), ²² Chesed, Hazo, Pildash, Jidlaph, and Bethuel”—²³ and *it was Bethuel who* fathered Rebekah. These eight Milcah bore to Nahor, Abraham’s brother. ²⁴ His concubine, whose name was Reumah, also gave birth to Tebah, Gaham, Tahash, and Maacah.

Abraham was told, saying, “Behold, Milcah also has borne children to your brother Nahor

Abraham learned of his brother’s children

12 in all