

# Genesis: God and the Originals

THE TEST

## The Parameters (22:1-2)

### V. 1

1. Why does God test Abraham?
  - a. To see if he is obedient
  - b. To see if he loves God more than his son
  - c. To see if he trusts God to provide
  - d. To be mean, because let's be honest, no one likes a test
  - e. Other: \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. Does God test people today? And if so, is this a positive thing? Why might someone be adverse to being tested?

The words \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are the same words in scripture.

BONUS: How do you know if God is testing you or Satan is tempting you?

3. How old is Isaac according to what we can delineate from these verses?

### V. 2

4. Where is the region of Moriah?
  
5. What is Abraham supposed to do to his son? What questions or concerns does that conjure up in your mind?

The description of Isaac being the son whom Abraham loves is \_\_\_\_\_ in scripture.

BONUS: How is this testing similar (and different) from all the other times God tells Abraham to do something?

## The Journey and Setup (22:3-10)

### Vv. 3-5

6. In what ways do these verses show Abraham's intimate involvement and commitment to this test of God?

7. How long does Abraham travel in v. 4? What does this remind you of?

BONUS: What kind of emotions do you think Abraham experienced during his three day journey?

8. Apparently in v. 5 Abraham plans to “come back” from his “worship” with Isaac. What do you think Abraham expects God to do if he plans to “come back” with Isaac?

### **Vv. 6-10**

9. Who carries the wood for the offering and asks the questions? Of who might this remind you?

10. How does Abraham respond to Isaac’s questioning? Why does he respond this way?

BONUS: Isaac is old enough to overcome his 100 year old father. Is he complicit in this test? Is he being tested to?

*This event is called the \_\_\_\_\_ in Judaism because the Hebrew word comes from the word “\_\_\_\_\_.”*

### **The Resolution and Covenant (22:11-19)**

11. Who stays Abraham’s hand and what is the given reason in v. 12?

12. What does Abraham “see” in v. 13 and what does he call the place in v. 14?

*The sounding of a \_\_\_\_\_ will remind the Israelites of God’s provision continually.*

BONUS: The text seems to imply that God didn’t know Abraham was going to be faithful. How do you interpret that?

13. In vv. 16-19 God swears by God’s self! How is the covenant renewed and added to?

### **Quotes of the Day:**

*“In the teeth of life we seem to die, but God says no - in the teeth of death we live. If He butchers us, He makes us live.”*  
- Martin Luther

*“God and Abraham are now bound together in both being willing to sacrifice their sons.”* - Kathleen Scott Goldingay  
Genesis 22:1-19