

## "On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

### Genesis 22

Genesis twenty-two is one of the most critical chapters in the great Story of God's redemption. Here are just a few thoughts to help you begin to understand this chapter. First, God tested Abraham's faith. God always tests our faith, not for bad, but for good. Temptation comes from our old adamic nature, the world, and the devil. Temptation is a solicitation to do evil and is always designed to bring out the bad in us, not the good. God told Abraham to take his beloved son, Isaac, through whom God had assured Abraham that all the promises He had made would be brought to pass and go to a sacred place called MORIAH. Moriah in Hebrew means, "the place where you will see God", or the place where God will be manifest, or the place where God will show up. You get the idea. This is just above where Abraham had met Melchizedek in chapter 14 years earlier. This is the place where King David, Abraham's descendent, would buy Araunah's tabletop threshing floor and his son Solomon would build the central worship center for Israel, the temple.

Abraham faithfully trusted God and took Isaac to Moriah. Isaac himself was inquisitive about the fire, wood, and knife, but no lamb being taken with them to Moriah. Abraham's trusting words, "God will provide a lamb" may have put a chill in Isaac's blood, because in a later passage, God is referred to in relation to Isaac as "Fear/Dread of Isaac" (Genesis 31:42), the only time this name of God is

mentioned in the entire Bible. Isaac must have been emotionally scarred from this event and told it to his son Jacob from his perspective. When they reached Moriah, Abraham built an altar, bound Isaac, and was about to slit his throat, when God stopped him. God had provided a sacrifice. Isaac had a substitute. It is said to this day, that God's name is "YHVH YIREH" which means, "GOD SEES!" In our English Bibles the translation is "Provide" but that is not the Hebrew word. God does provide, but He does so because He sees everything and knows your every need. Knowing God sees it all, knows it all, we can trust that He will provide just when we need provision. He is always on time with just what we need, so He can accomplish His purpose in our lives.

#### **Prayer and Action Steps**

*Pray and thank God that He sees your every need. That He even sees your every thought and He does care for you and that God has a plan for your life. He wants you to trust Him in the big things and the little things in life. God wanted to bring out the best in Abraham, so he designed a test, in His infinite wisdom that would mark Abraham and Isaac for life. It can be frightening – ask Isaac – but God is faithful. God provided a substitute for Abraham. He provided a substitute for Isaac, and He provides a substitute for you. God so loves you that He sent Jesus to die in your place to pay for the sin you have, not His. You can trust God; He sees, He knows, He cares. He will provide.*

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Scripture \_\_\_\_\_

- *Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.*
- *Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.*
- *Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.*

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

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Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act? \_\_\_\_\_

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What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

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Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions? \_\_\_\_\_

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Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context? \_\_\_\_\_

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Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_

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