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How Firm a Foundation

Lesson Three: Isaac
Chapters 21-26

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- **The Audience: The Israelites, descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, had been set free from Egypt and slavery and were about to possess the land of Canaan.**
- **Genesis was NECESSARY HISTORY in order to establish their THEOLOGY before teaching them what the response was to be. In a real sense, Genesis is to Exodus what Ephesians 1-3 is to 4-6.**
- ***God has SAID...and your life, Isaac, is based on that promise made to Abraham.***
- ***God has SEPARATED and your purpose is based on that purpose spoken to Abraham.***

In the narrative, Isaac is often considered a “Bridge” character between Abraham and Jacob.

- **Abram/Abraham is mentioned a total of 282 times in the Bible. (168 are in Genesis. 70 are in the NT)**
- **Isaac is mentioned a total of 128 times in the Bible. (79 are in Genesis. 18 are in the NT.)**
- **Jacob is mentioned a total of 353 times in the Bible (this includes some references to the whole nation and excludes when he is referred to as Israel after his name is changed.) (165 are in Genesis. 25 are in the NT.)**

Birth of Isaac: Isaac is THE SON of PROMISE!



The Mediterranean Sea

The (Salt) Dead Sea

Jericho
-1200'

Zoar
-1300'

Shechem

Bethel
3000'

Salem

Hebron
3000'

WILDERNESS
OF ZIN

Beersheba

NEGEV

Gerar

Angels appear to Abraham at Mamre (Hebron)
en route to destroy Sodom where Lot lived. (18)

Ishmael and
Hagar sent
away.

Death and Resurrection of Isaac



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Bride for Isaac

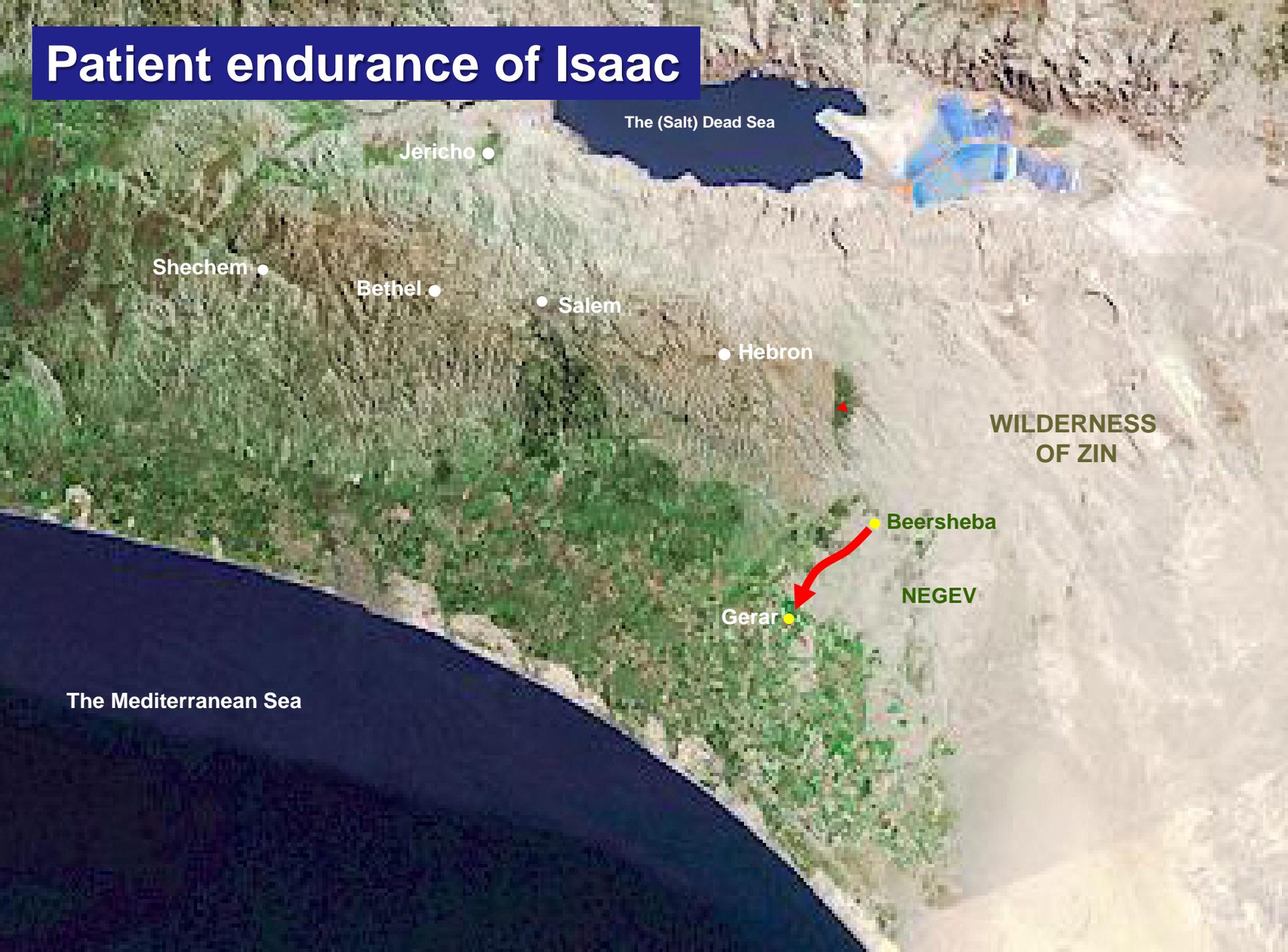
The Mediterranean Sea

Abraham travels from Beersheba
to Mt. Moriah to offer Isaac . . .

. . . and returns with him to Beersheba. (22)

THE SON	Isaac ("Laughter")	Jesus ("God Saves")	The Believer
 <p>Birth by PROMISE and God's doing.</p> <p>Received and "taken in" by recipient: "Yes."</p>	Born to Abraham and Sarah	Born to the Virgin Mary	Born by God's Spirit
	Abraham believed God	Mary said: "may it be done to me according to your word."	But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God
Inheritance based on BIRTH	Inherited God's Promises given to Abraham.	Inherited God's Promises given to Abraham and David and Messiah.	...to obtain an inheritance... I Peter 1:3-4
Self-effort is not acceptable	Ishmael sent away with gifts.	Fulfilling God's plan by human effort will fail.	Fulfilling God's plan by human effort will fail.
Death does not stop God's promises from being fulfilled	Isaac is offered up by Abraham and offers himself unto death on Mt. Moriah.	Jesus is offered up by the Father and offers himself unto death "on" Mt. Moriah (Jerusalem).	Believers are identified with Jesus Christ in His death.

Patient endurance of Isaac



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Nahal Gerar in the Negev

“Now Abraham journeyed from there toward the Negev . . . then he journey in Gerar.” (20:1)



Wheat field near Gerar in the Negev



Well near the wadi at the crossroads of routes in Beersheba (Abraham's well?)

All of this is based on BIRTH.

Have you been born of God's Spirit?

Are you receiving God's promises to you as a believer? On what basis are these promises yours?

"I will never leave you nor forsake you."

"If I go I will prepare a place for you that where I am you may be also."

"Seek first God's Kingdom and all these things will be added to you."

Will you endure and wait patiently?

Memory Verse: *He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things. Romans 8:32*

Homework for next week: Read Genesis 25-35



**Machpelah – Herodian
building marking the
burial place Abraham
purchased for Sarah (23)**

	Isaac (“Laughter”)	Jesus (“God Saves”)	The Believer
Resurrection brings the inevitable fulfillment of God’s promises	Isaac is given his life back again because a ram takes his place.	Jesus, the Lamb of God, dies but is resurrected. He has taken the place of sinners.	Our lives are spared so that now what is left belongs to Jesus for HIS purposes.
The channel of the fulfillment is given	A suitable wife is found for Isaac in order to have descendants.	A suitable bride is being prepared for the marriage supper of the Lamb.	Believers are the Bride of Christ, the channel through which the nations hear and believe in Jesus Messiah.
Perseverance until the final fulfillment	Isaac perseveres by living in a tent and staying ON the land. He lives in peace with his hostile neighbors.	Jesus ascends to Heaven and waits for His inheritance and Kingdom to be given to Him as Ruler of the nations.	We are waiting and enduring until all God’s promises are fulfilled. If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.