

## BSF Scripture for Lesson #13

### FIRST DAY:

#### 1. Read the lesson notes and References

### SECOND DAY:

#### Read Genesis 20

#### Abraham and Abimelech

[20:1] Now Abraham moved on from there into the region of the Negev and lived between Kadesh and Shur. For a while he stayed in Gerar, [2] and there Abraham said of his wife Sarah, "She is my sister." Then Abimelech king of Gerar sent for Sarah and took her.

[3] But God came to Abimelech in a dream one night and said to him, "You are as good as dead because of the woman you have taken; she is a married woman."

[4] Now Abimelech had not gone near her, so he said, "Lord, will you destroy an innocent nation? [5] Did he not say to me, 'She is my sister,' and didn't she also say, 'He is my brother'? I have done this with a clear conscience and clean hands."

[6] Then God said to him in the dream, "Yes, I know you did this with a clear conscience, and so I have kept you from sinning against me. That is why I did not let you touch her. [7] Now return the man's wife, for he is a prophet, and he will pray for you and you will live. But if you do not return her, you may be sure that you and all yours will die."

[8] Early the next morning Abimelech summoned all his officials, and when he told them all that had happened, they were very much afraid. [9] Then Abimelech called Abraham in and said, "What have you done to us? How have I wronged you that you have brought such great guilt upon me and my kingdom? You have done things to me that should not be done." [10] And Abimelech asked Abraham, "What was your reason for doing this?"

[11] Abraham replied, "I said to myself, 'There is surely no fear of God in this place, and they will kill me because of my wife.' [12] Besides, she really is my sister, the daughter of my father though not of my mother; and she became my wife. [13] And when God had me wander from my father's household, I

said to her, 'This is how you can show your love to me: Everywhere we go, say of me, "He is my brother."'"

[14] Then Abimelech brought sheep and cattle and male and female slaves and gave them to Abraham, and he returned Sarah his wife to him. [15] And Abimelech said, "My land is before you; live wherever you like."

[16] To Sarah he said, "I am giving your brother a thousand shekels of silver. This is to cover the offense against you before all who are with you; you are completely vindicated."

[17] Then Abraham prayed to God, and God healed Abimelech, his wife and his slave girls so they could have children again, [18] for the LORD had closed up every womb in Abimelech's household because of Abraham's wife Sarah.

#### Question 3a

Genesis 12:10-20: [10] Now there was a famine in the land, and Abram went down to Egypt to live there for a while because the famine was severe.

[11] As he was about to enter Egypt, he said to his wife Sarai, "I know what a beautiful woman you are. [12] When the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife.' Then they will kill me but will let you live. [13] Say you are my sister, so that I will be treated well for your sake and my life will be spared because of you."

[14] When Abram came to Egypt, the Egyptians saw that she was a very beautiful woman. [15] And when Pharaoh's officials saw her, they praised her to Pharaoh, and she was taken into his palace. [16] He treated Abram well for her sake, and Abram acquired sheep and cattle, male and female donkeys, menservants and maidservants, and camels.

[17] But the LORD inflicted serious diseases on Pharaoh and his household because of Abram's wife Sarai. [18] So Pharaoh summoned Abram. "What have you done to me?" he said. "Why didn't you tell me she was your wife? [19] Why did you say, 'She is my sister,' so that I took her to be my wife? Now then, here is your wife. Take her and go!" [20] Then Pharaoh gave orders about Abram to his men, and they sent him on his way, with his wife and everything he had.

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### THIRD DAY

#### Read Genesis 21:1-13

##### The Birth of Isaac

[21:1] Now the LORD was gracious to Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah what he had promised. [2] Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the very time God had promised him. [3] Abraham gave the name Isaac to the son Sarah bore him. [4] When his son Isaac was eight days old, Abraham circumcised him, as God commanded him. [5] Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him.

[6] Sarah said, "God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me."

[7] And she added, "Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

##### Hagar and Ishmael Sent Away

[8] The child grew and was weaned, and on the day Isaac was weaned Abraham held a great feast. [9] But Sarah saw that the son whom Hagar the Egyptian had borne to Abraham was mocking, [10] and she said to Abraham, "Get rid of that slave woman and her son, for that slave woman's son will never share in the inheritance with my son Isaac."

[11] The matter distressed Abraham greatly because it concerned his son. [12] But God said to him, "Do not be so distressed about the boy and your maidservant. Listen to whatever Sarah tells you, because it is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned. [13] I will make the son of the maidservant into a nation also, because he is your offspring."

#### Question 7

Galatians 4:22-31; [22] For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the slave woman and the other by the free woman. [23] His son by the slave woman was born in the ordinary way; but his son by the free woman was born as the result of a promise.

[24] These things may be taken figuratively, for the women represent two covenants. One covenant is from Mount Sinai and bears children who are to be

slaves: This is Hagar. [25] Now Hagar stands for Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present city of Jerusalem, because she is in slavery with her children. [26] But the Jerusalem that is above is free, and she is our mother. [27] For it is written:

"Be glad, O barren woman,  
who bears no children;  
break forth and cry aloud,  
you who have no labor pains;  
because more are the children of the desolate woman  
than of her who has a husband."

[28] Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise. [29] At that time the son born in the ordinary way persecuted the son born by the power of the Spirit. It is the same now. [30] But what does the Scripture say? "Get rid of the slave woman and her son, for the slave woman's son will never share in the inheritance with the free woman's son."

[31] Therefore, brothers, we are not children of the slave woman, but of the free woman.

### FOURTH DAY

#### Read Genesis 21:14-21

[14] Early the next morning Abraham took some food and a skin of water and gave them to Hagar. He set them on her shoulders and then sent her off with the boy. She went on her way and wandered in the desert of Beersheba.

[15] When the water in the skin was gone, she put the boy under one of the bushes. [16] Then she went off and sat down nearby, about a bowshot away, for she thought, "I cannot watch the boy die." And as she sat there nearby, she began to sob.

[17] God heard the boy crying, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What is the matter, Hagar? Do not be afraid; God has heard the boy crying as he lies there. [18] Lift the boy up and take him by the hand, for I will make him into a great nation."

[19] Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. So she went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.

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[20] God was with the boy as he grew up. He lived in the desert and became an archer. [21] While he was living in the Desert of Paran, his mother got a wife for him from Egypt.

### SIXTH DAY

Review Genesis 20-21

See above verses: days 2-5

### FIFTH DAY

Read Genesis 21:22-34

#### **The Treaty at Beersheba**

[22] At that time Abimelech and Phicol the commander of his forces said to Abraham, “God is with you in everything you do. [23] Now swear to me here before God that you will not deal falsely with me or my children or my descendants. Show to me and the country where you are living as an alien the same kindness I have shown to you.”

[24] Abraham said, “I swear it.”

[25] Then Abraham complained to Abimelech about a well of water that Abimelech's servants had seized. [26] But Abimelech said, “I don't know who has done this. You did not tell me, and I heard about it only today.”

[27] So Abraham brought sheep and cattle and gave them to Abimelech, and the two men made a treaty. [28] Abraham set apart seven ewe lambs from the flock, [29] and Abimelech asked Abraham, “What is the meaning of these seven ewe lambs you have set apart by themselves?”

[30] He replied, “Accept these seven lambs from my hand as a witness that I dug this well.”

[31] So that place was called Beersheba, because the two men swore an oath there.

[32] After the treaty had been made at Beersheba, Abimelech and Phicol the commander of his forces returned to the land of the Philistines. [33] Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba, and there he called upon the name of the LORD, the Eternal God. [34] And Abraham stayed in the land of the Philistines for a long time.