

## GENESIS –Lesson 45

Learn: Verily, verily, I say unto you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. Marvel not at this; for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation. John 5:24, 28, 29

Read: Genesis 25:1-18

1. Isaac had married Rebekah and moved to Lahairoi, Abraham though 140 years of age had been rejuvenated to father Isaac. When God heals it is completely, so though Abraham was old in age, he was still young enough in body to father more sons. What does Genesis 25:1-4 tell us?

2. We may wonder why Abraham would take another wife and father other children, when Isaac was the “Promised Son”, and more sons could later cause problems. Certainly, Abraham would be very aware of and careful to do God’s will in this matter. How does Genesis 17:3-5 help answer this problem?

The grandsons of Abraham, Sheba and Dedan (through his son Jokshan), are mentioned on a number of occasions later in the Bible. They are not to be confused with those mentioned in Genesis 10:7, 28. One of the sons of Keturah and Abraham was named Midian. His descendants, the Midianites, are frequently mentioned in the Old Testament. The Midianites seem to have been frequently allied with the Ishmaelites (Genesis 37:25, 27, 28, 36), the Moabites (Numbers 25:1, 6-15), and the Amalekites (Judges 6:3). These nations were the enemies of Israel.

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3. How did Abraham provide for all his sons, and yet differentiate so that there would be no confusion as to who was the “Son of Promise”? vv 5, 6

Though Keturah was a wife, as stated in verse 6, both Hagar and Keturah are called concubines, in order to distinguish them from Abraham's primary wife Sarah.

4. How old did Abraham live to be? v 7

5. What does verse 8 tell us about what happened to Abraham when he died?

Since none of Abraham's ancestors were buried in the cave of Machpelah, where he was buried, the phrase "was gathered unto his people" can not simply refer to his death and burial. Therefore it must refer to life after death, with those who before him had died in faith.

6. The location of such departed spirits was mentioned nineteen hundred years later by Jesus. What did Jesus call that place? Luke 16:22

7. In Luke 16: 19-31, Jesus tells of two men and two places where people can go when they die. This is not a parable, but a true story. Describe the two places.

8. Some say that the reason that the rich man went to the place of torment was because of how he treated the poor. What does the Bible give as the reason for ending up in the place of torment? Luke 16: 27-31, especially vv 29-31

9. What then allowed the beggar Lazarus to go to the place of comfort? Was it his awful condition in this life, that guaranteed him paradise?  
Explain using the same passage in Luke. See also Acts 2:37-40.

10. Jesus spoke of life after death on more than one occasion. What did he teach in each of the following passages?  
Matthew 7:21-23

Matthew 10:28

Matthew 13:36-42

Matthew 13:49-50

Matthew 25:40-41, 45-46

John 3:36

John 5:24-29

11. According to God's Word, is hell a real place? Explain.
12. Who buried Abraham's body and where? vv 9, 10
13. Isaac was now the only surviving link in the Messianic line. He was Abraham's heir. What does verse 11 tell us?
14. What does the listing of Ishmael's descendants in verses 12-16, the fact that they were prolific and powerful, having settled their own towns and been called princes tell us? Genesis 17:20

The place where Ishmael's family lived according to scripture, places them generally in northern Arabia, along the main caravan route between Egypt and Assyria. Shur is the wilderness just east of the border of Egypt.

Isaac, after inserting Ishmael's "generations" in his own record, then also later recorded Ishmael's death. He died at the age of 137, fifty-eight years before Isaac died.

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15. What does verse 17 tell us about Ishmael's death?

16. Going back to what was said of Abraham's destination after death, what does this suggest about Ishmael?