

The Treaty of Beersheba

Genesis 21

Introduction: Genesis 21 might be the most highly RELIEVING chapter in all the Bible. It finally cuts the tension that Abraham's household and we as readers have been suffering under for so long. God finally delivers (or at least starts to deliver) on the PROMISE he made to Abraham back in Genesis 12. In Genesis 21, we see the fulfillment of the Genesis 12 promise as Abraham is blessed with a SON from God and a BLESSING from another nation.

I. Genesis 21:1-7: ISAAC is born.

A. Three things to notice:

1. God's FAITHFULNESS (21:1)
2. The AGE of Abraham and Sarah.
3. The amount of TIME.

II. Genesis 21:8-21: Laughter is MOCKED.

- A. Fight for the real SONSHIP. (21:9; Galatians 4:29)
- B. Abraham is SORROWFUL.
- C. God gives grace OUTSIDE of Abraham's family.

III. Genesis 21:22-34: Abraham STRIVES with Abimelech.

- A. Abraham gets FLATTERED. (21:22-24)
- B. A hint at future CONQUEST. (21:34)
- C. Beersheba becomes the SOUTHERN boarder of the promised land.