

Study Series: Genesis

Questions about Genesis 11:26—23:20

1. What are the three main promises God made to Abraham and his descendants? (12: 1-3; 15:5-7; 17: 1-8) What were Abraham and his descendants expected to do in order to hold up their part of the agreement with God? (17:9-14)
2. Who were Ishmael and Isaac? (16:1-16; 21:9-21) Why do you think Isaac was given a name similar to the word for laughter? (18: 10-15; 21:1-7) Why is Isaac sometimes called “the child of the promise”?
3. How did God test Abraham? How did he hold up to the test, and what happened as a result of Abraham’s actions? (22: 1-18) What might it be like to face such a test?
4. Why do you think the writer chose to focus on the story of Abraham right after finishing the accounts of the creation and the destruction of the flood?
5. See Romans 4:1-25; Hebrews 11:11-18; James 2:20-23. How do these New Testament writers interpret Abraham’s actions?