

Heart and Home
On the Journey with Abraham
Lesson 8

READ: Genesis 20

There are some Bible scholars who have said that chapter 20 is simply another description of the time that Abraham went to Egypt because of famine in Canaan. They do not believe he did the same thing twice.

1. Compare Genesis 12:10-20 with Genesis 20:1-18. Record all the similarities you see in each chapter in one column and the differences that you see in another column.

Similarities

Differences



2. What have you concluded from your comparison of the two chapters? Are they 2 separate events or the same one?
3. What reason did Abraham give for presenting Sarah as his sister?
4. Read Genesis 21:1-7. What words or phrases show the reliability of God's word to Abraham and Sarah?

5. Read Genesis 21:8-14. Once again, Sarah is in an intolerable situation. What is her solution this time?
6. What does Abraham think of this solution?
7. What does God think of this solution? Why does He tell Abraham to listen to Sarah? (See Galatians 4:21-31 for some insight into this).
8. How long did it take Abraham to obey? Discuss what he might be feeling at this moment.
9. Once again, Hagar is wandering in the wilderness. Note her despair. But what is Hagar forgetting?
10. What question does God ask Hagar in verse 17? What does God tell her to do?
11. What very encouraging phrase do you see in verse 20?
12. Read Genesis 21:20-33. Depending on which version of the Bible you use, there are different words used for what is taking place here. Find points in the story that show Abimelech and Abraham are making a covenant.
13. Do you find it strange that after the events in Genesis 20, Abimelech would want to be in covenant with Abraham? What reason does Abimelech give for his desire to be in covenant with Abraham?
14. What does Beersheba mean?