

## Lecture 6 – The Patriarchs (Part 2)

*By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had received the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son. Hebrews 11:17*

### Key Terms

Covenant mediator, blessings

### Objectives

To understand the patriarchal covenants

To understand Abraham's role as covenant mediator

### The Patriarchs (Part 2)

#### I. Abraham – Covenant Mediator

A. Regarding Sodom and Gomorrah – priestly intercession (Genesis 18, 19)

B. Regarding Abimelech – royalty context (Genesis 20)

C. Regarding Ishmael & Isaac – “prophetic promise” (Genesis 21)

#### II. Covenantal Living

A. The text regarding Abraham's only son (Genesis 22)

B. Receiving substitute

C. Lawkeeping (Genesis 26:5)

#### III. Conclusion Concerning Abrahamic Covenant

A. In the setting of the cosmic kingdom

1. Receives land

2. Is prospered materially

3. Interacts with nations

B. Regarding the covenant

1. Various aspects enlarged upon (promises regarding land, stipulation, oath, substitution)

2. Mediatorial role

3. Centrality of seed concept

4. Influence to be universal

#### IV. Covenant with Isaac

A. Continuity (Genesis 26:3-6)

B. Election of Jacob – not by merit

C. Isaac's passive role (cf Vos, pages 90, 91)

#### V. Covenant with Jacob

A. Election (Genesis 28:10-22)

1. In spite of character (election)

2. The vow (Genesis 28:20-22)

B. Blessings

1. Seed – 12 sons

2. Prosperity (Genesis 30:25-43)

C. The Test

1. Regarding Angel of the Lord (Genesis 32:22-32)

2. Regarding Esau (Genesis 33)

D. His son Joseph

1. Royal dimension of covenant mediator

2. Suffering on way to royalty

3. The mediatorial type (not ancestor)

E. Covenantal blessings

1. Genesis 48 – Joseph's sons
2. Genesis 49 – Jacob's sons
  - a. Election: Judah
  - b. Emphasis on royalty (Genesis 49:8-12)