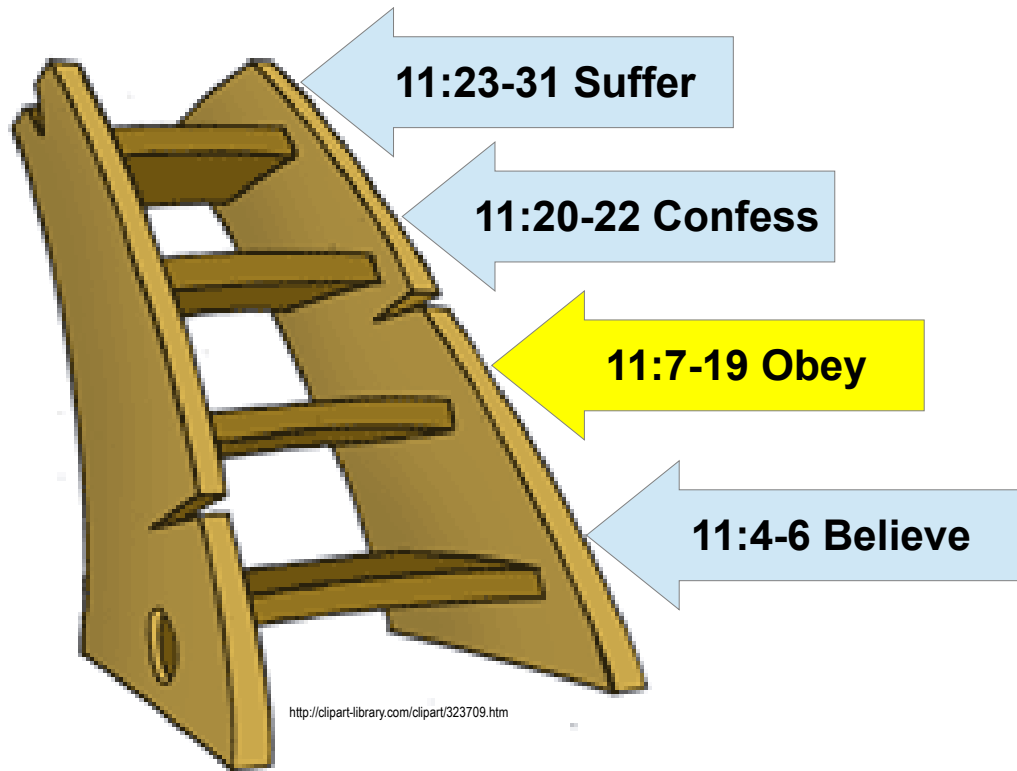


Treasure Hunt

- Ben: How do we know that Abraham could have returned to Mesopotamia (11:15)?
- Nate: What “city” were he and his family seeking (11:16)?
- What besides a city has God “prepared” for us?
- Elijah: What has he given us now while he gets his other gifts ready?
- What figures does he give us for this present possession?
- Faith: What was strange about God’s command to Abraham to offer Isaac?
- Michael: What lesson does this test teach us about God’s gifts?
- Caitlin: How do we know that Abraham expected God to raise Isaac from the dead?
- Which aspects of Abraham’s promise were repeated by Isaac? Jacob? Joseph?

11:15, Opportunity to Return



Gen. 24:1 And Abraham was old, and well stricken in age: and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things. 2 And Abraham said unto his eldest servant of his house, that ruled over all that he had, Put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh:

3 And I will make thee swear by the LORD, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that **thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites**, among whom I dwell: 4 But thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaac. 5 And the servant said unto him, Peradventure the woman will not be willing to follow me unto this land: must I needs bring thy son again unto the land from whence thou camest? 6 And Abraham said unto him, **Beware thou that thou bring not my son thither again.** 7 The LORD God of heaven, which took me from my father's house, and from the land of my kindred, and which spake unto me, and that sware unto me, saying, **Unto thy seed will I give this land;** he shall send his angel before thee, and thou shalt take a wife unto my son from thence. 8 And if the woman will not be willing to follow thee, then thou shalt be clear from this my oath: **only bring not my son thither again.**

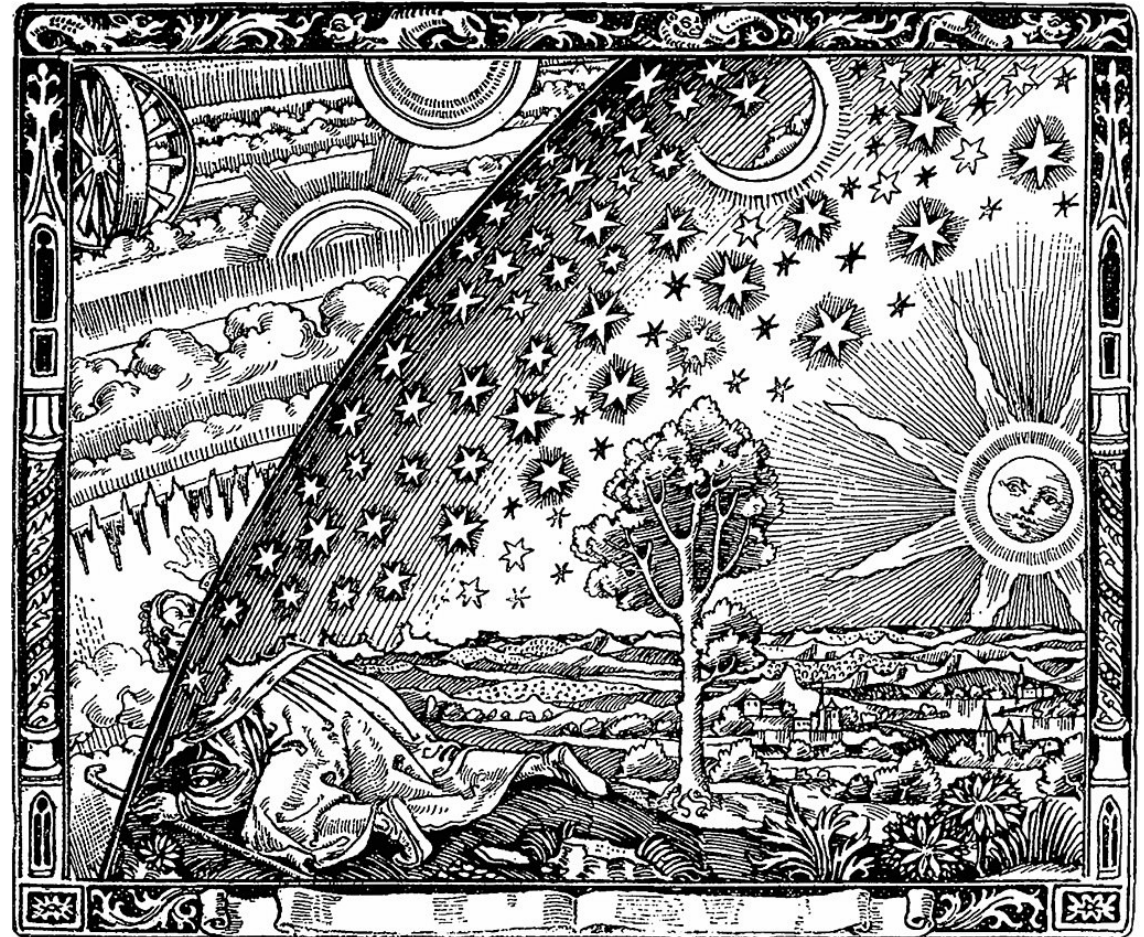
What has God prepared for us?

Heb. 11:16 But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for **he hath prepared for them a city.**

John 14:2 In my Father's house are many mansions [abiding places]: if it were not so, I would have told you. **I go to prepare a place for you.**

Rev. 21:2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, **prepared** as a bride adorned for her husband.

Eph. 5:25 Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; 26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, ...



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1Cor. 2:9 But as it is written [Isa 64:4], Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, **the things which God hath prepared** for them that love him.

A Glimpse of the Invisible

John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt [tabernacled] among us

Eph. 2:19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; 20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

Body

Eph. 1:22 the **church**, 23 Which is **his body**, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

Eph. 5:29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, **even as the Lord the church: 30 For we are members of his body, ...**

God's Resting Place

Eph. 2:21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an **holy temple** in the Lord: 22 In whom ye also are builded together for **an habitation of God** through the Spirit.

Church

Eph. 5:25 Husbands, love your **wives**, even as Christ also loved the **church**, and gave himself for it;

Bride

Rev. 21:9 And there came unto me one of the seven angels ... saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. 10 And he ... shewed me **that great city, the holy Jerusalem**, descending out of heaven from God,

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Do we love the Gift more than the Giver?

Gen 46:2 And God spake unto Israel in the visions of the night, and said, Jacob, Jacob. And he said, Here am I. 3 And he said, I am God, the God of thy father: fear not to go down into Egypt; for I will there make of thee a great nation: 4 I will go down with thee into Egypt; and I will also surely bring thee up again: and Joseph shall put his hand upon thine eyes.

Jer. 38:17 Then said Jeremiah unto Zedekiah, Thus saith the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Israel; If thou wilt assuredly go forth unto the king of Babylon's princes, then thy soul shall live, and this city shall not be burned with fire; and thou shalt live, and thine house: 18 But if thou wilt not go forth to the king of Babylon's princes, then shall this city be given into the hand of the Chaldeans, and they shall burn it with fire, and thou shalt not escape out of their hand.



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11:19 Abraham ... accounting that God was able to raise him up ...

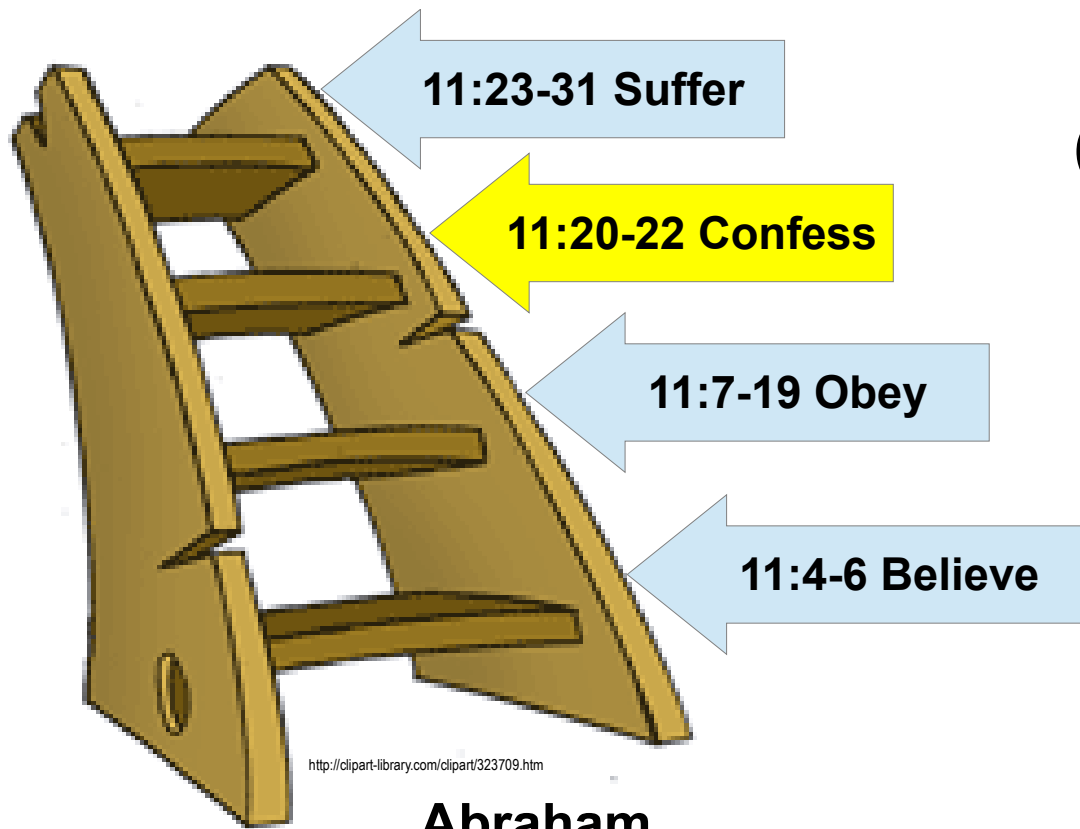
Gen 22:5 And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will **go** yonder and **worship**, and **come** again to you.



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11:20-22, Faith that Confesses to Others



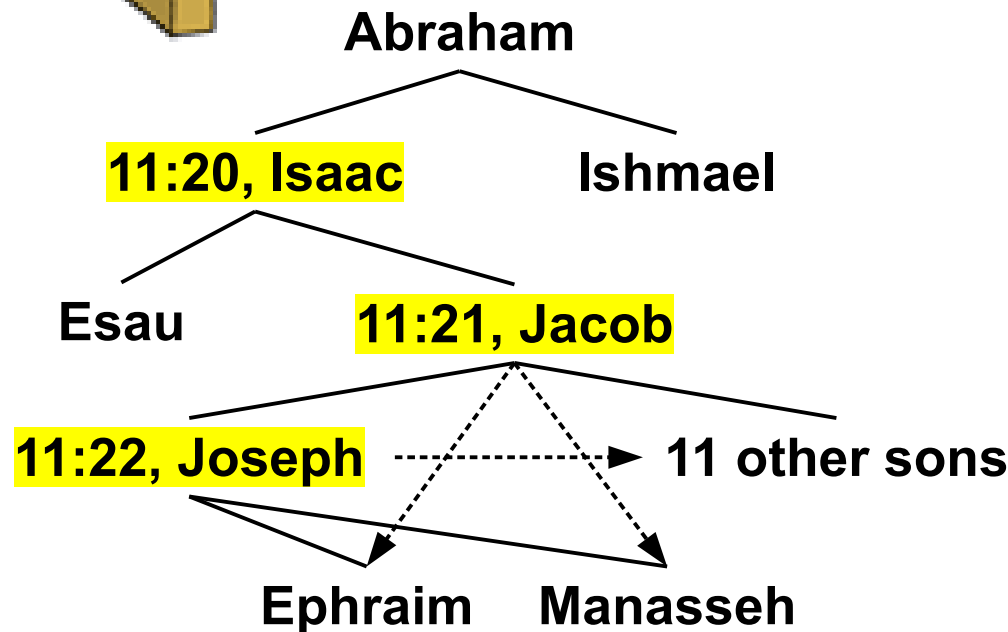
The Promise to Abraham

Gen 12:1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a **land** that I will shew thee:

2 And I will make of thee a **great nation**,

and **I will bless thee**, and make thy name great; and be thou a **blessing**:

3 And **I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee**: and in thee shall **all families of the earth** be blessed.



11:20-22, Faith that Confesses

Isaac to Jacob and Esau

Jacob: Gen. 27:27 And he came near, and kissed him: and he smelled the smell of his raiment, and blessed him, and said, See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field which the LORD hath blessed: 28 Therefore God give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine: 29 Let people serve thee, and nations bow down to thee: be lord over thy brethren, and let thy mother's sons bow down to thee: **cursed be every one that curseth thee, and blessed be he that blesseth thee.**

Esau: Gen. 27:39 And Isaac his father answered and said unto him, Behold, thy dwelling shall be the fatness of the earth, and of the dew of heaven from above; 40 And by thy sword shalt thou live, and shalt serve thy brother; and it shall come to pass when thou shalt have the dominion, that thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck.

Jacob to Joseph and his Sons:

Worshipped ... staff: Gen. 47:29 And the time drew nigh that Israel must die: and he called his son Joseph, and said unto him, If now I have found grace in thy sight, put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh, and deal kindly and truly with me; bury me not, I pray thee, in Egypt: 30 But I will lie with my fathers, and **thou shalt carry me out of Egypt, and bury me in their buryingplace.** And he said, I will do as thou hast said. 31 And he said, Swear unto me. And he sware unto him. And Israel bowed himself/worshipped upon the bed's head. (LXX "staff")

Sons of Joseph: Gen. 48:15 And he blessed Joseph, and said, God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God which fed me all my life long unto this day, 16 The Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and **let them grow into a multitude** in the midst of the earth.

Joseph:

Gen. 50:24 And Joseph said unto his brethren, I die: and God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land unto **the land which he sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.** 25 And Joseph took an oath of the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you, and ye shall carry up my bones from hence.